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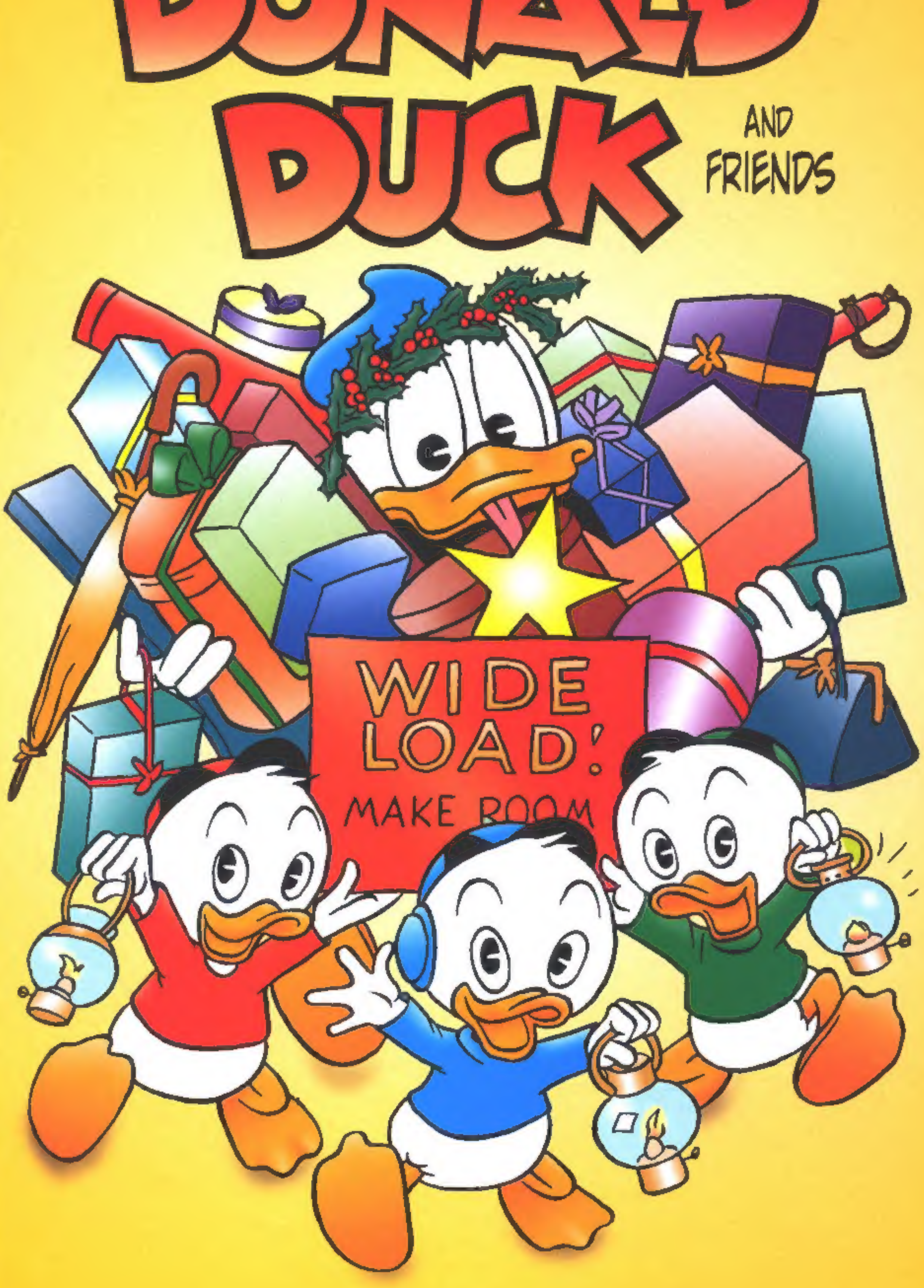

DONALD DUCK AND FRIENDS

You've stuck with us through several years of good news, readers—news about exciting stories, modern and classic writers and artists, comics and specials we've been bringing to market. Unfortunately, now we've got some bad news to deliver. We're hoping you'll stick with us through this, too.

It all starts—like a lot of bad news—with the almighty dollar. Paper prices are going up... in fact, they've been going up for awhile. Until now we've dealt with the fallout as best we could, but at last it's "put up or shut up" time: we must either take an unfeasible price hike on our $2.95 32-page comics and $7.95 Take-Along books, or else cease publishing *Mickey Mouse and Friends, Donald Duck and Friends, Mickey Mouse Adventures* and *Donald Duck Adventures* for right now. After serious cogitating, we've decided to take the latter option. Should paper prices fall, or better marketing opportunities present themselves, we might return to some of the suspended series. In the meantime, though, be of good cheer. For we have good news, too.

Firstly, our prestige titles—*Uncle Scrooge, Walt Disney's Comics and Stories,* and various specials—are as successful as ever, and the economics of publishing in this format are such that we can get away with a relatively small price hike: the first since 1997, and only a matter of fifty-five cents per book (from $6.95 to $7.50, starting in two months).

Secondly, we're moving full steam ahead with plans to make our *Walt Disney Treasures* trade paperbacks an ongoing series; to introduce two new 80-page annuals; and to release several thick-but-inexpensive *Shonen Jump*-style black and white books per year—some specially targeted to collectors, others to all ages. Bringing these onto the schedule means that we'll actually be publishing more Donald and Mickey in 2007 than we did in 2006!

Email gjudy@pneumatek.com or give Judy or Angie a call at 800-322-7978 for information on how to deal with your outstanding subscription balances or to purchase back issues.

—The Gemstone Staff

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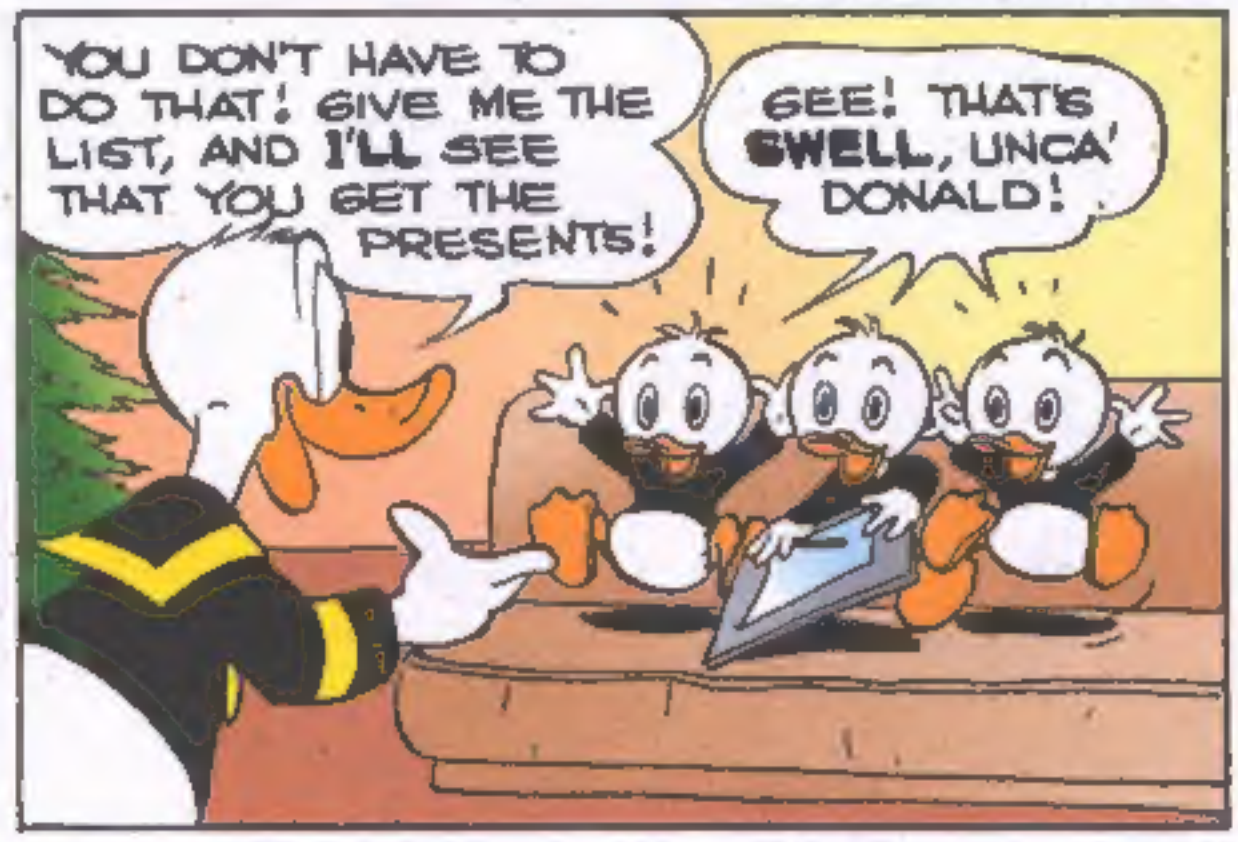
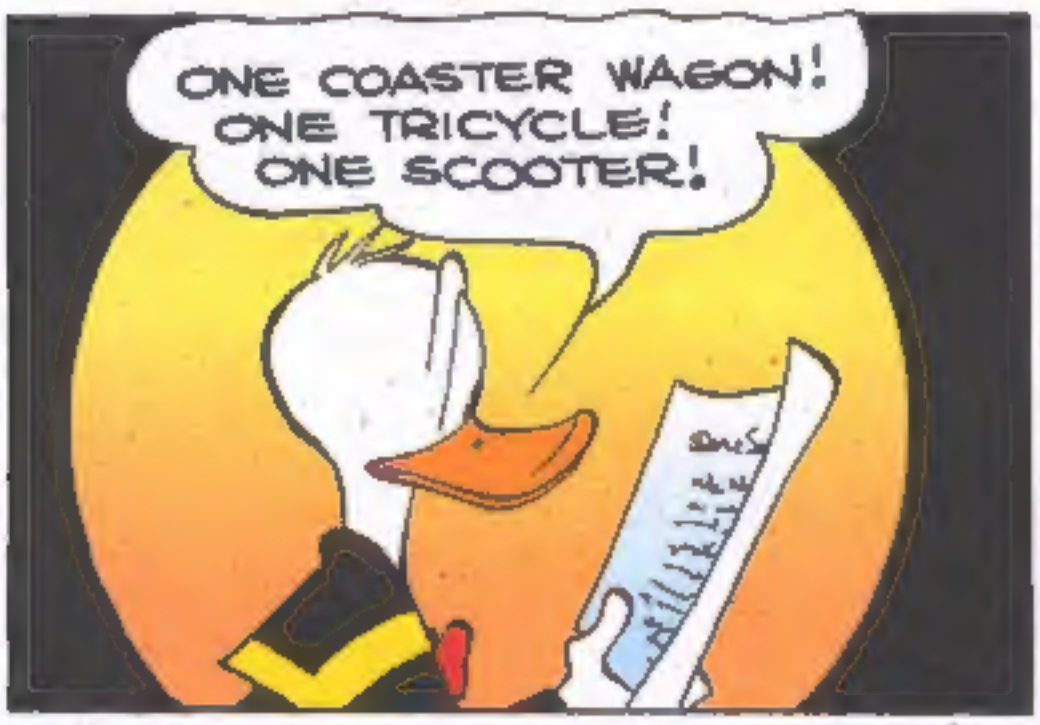
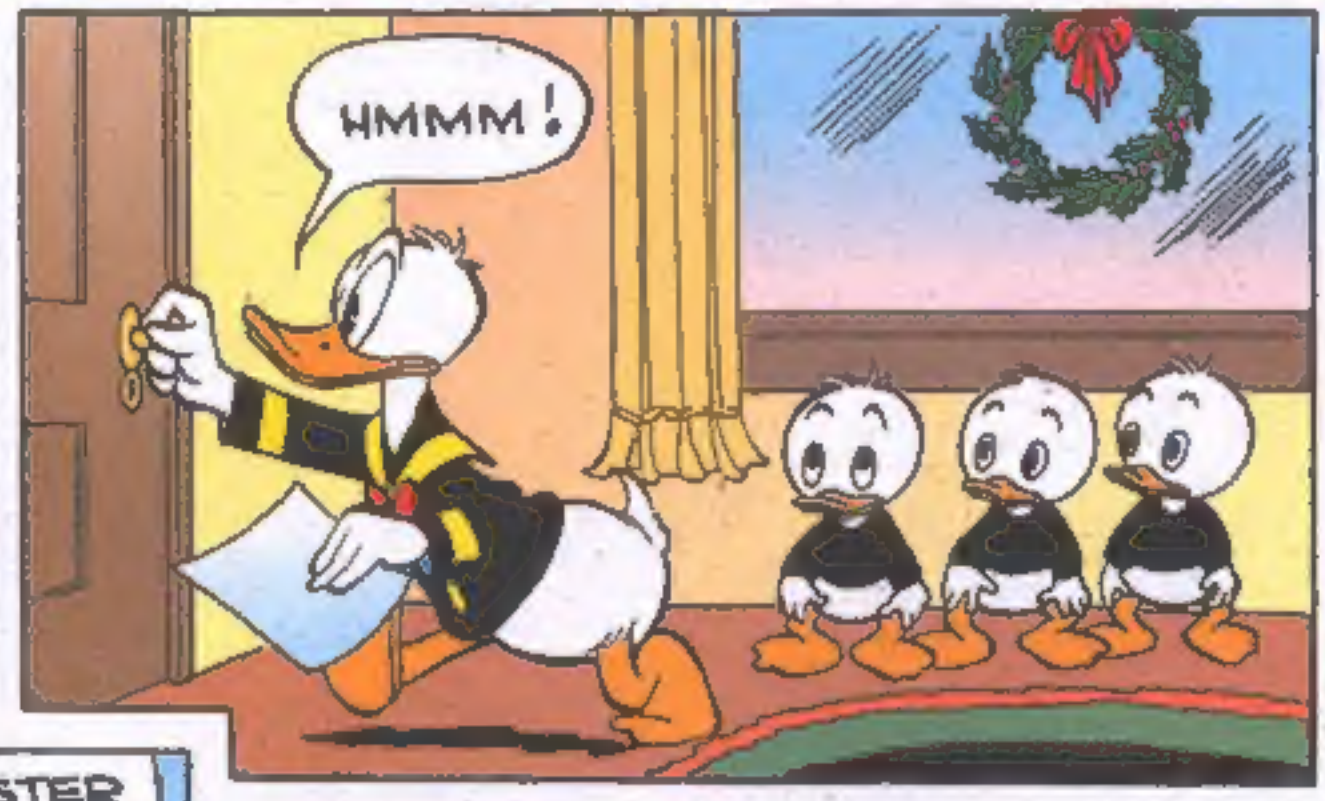
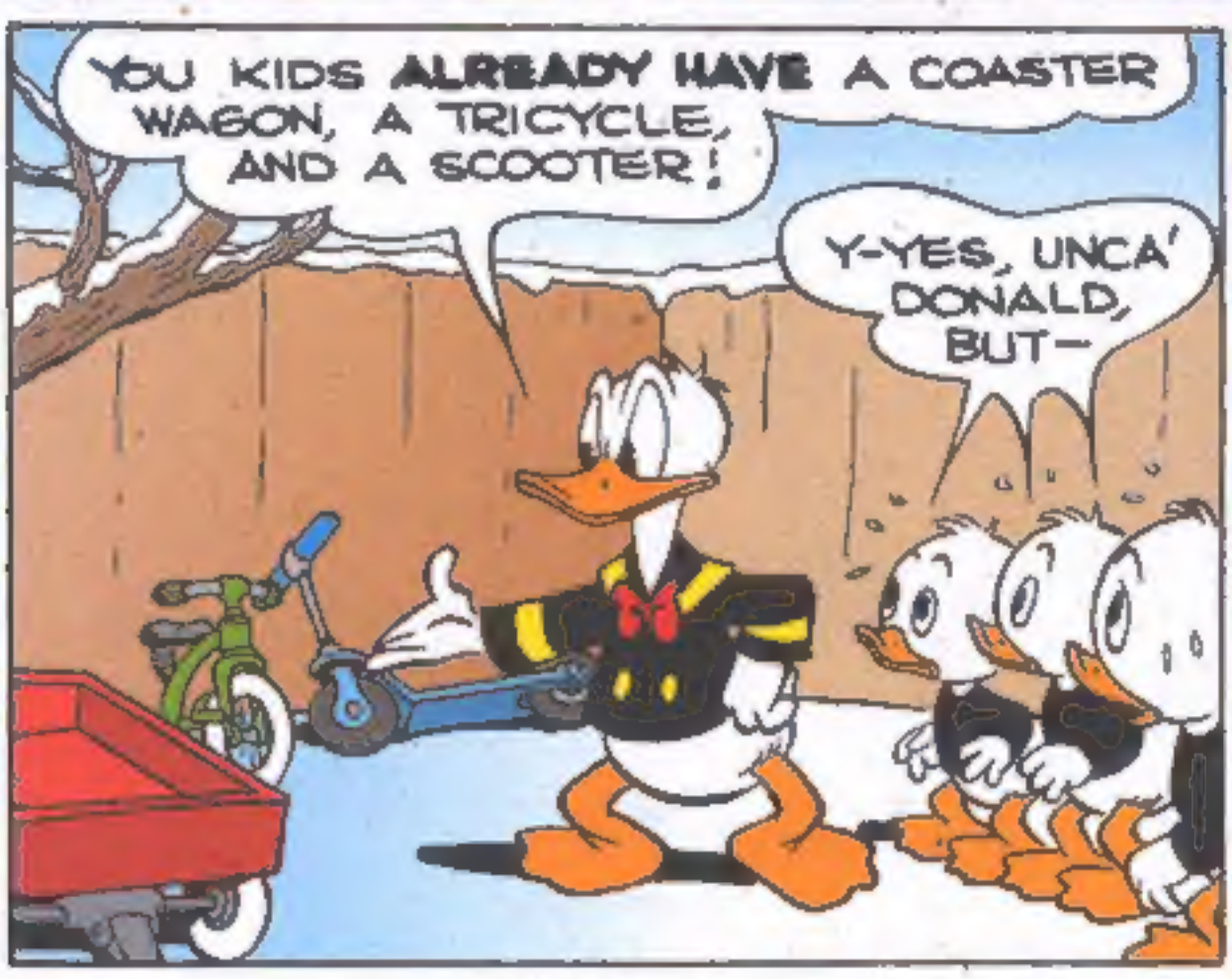
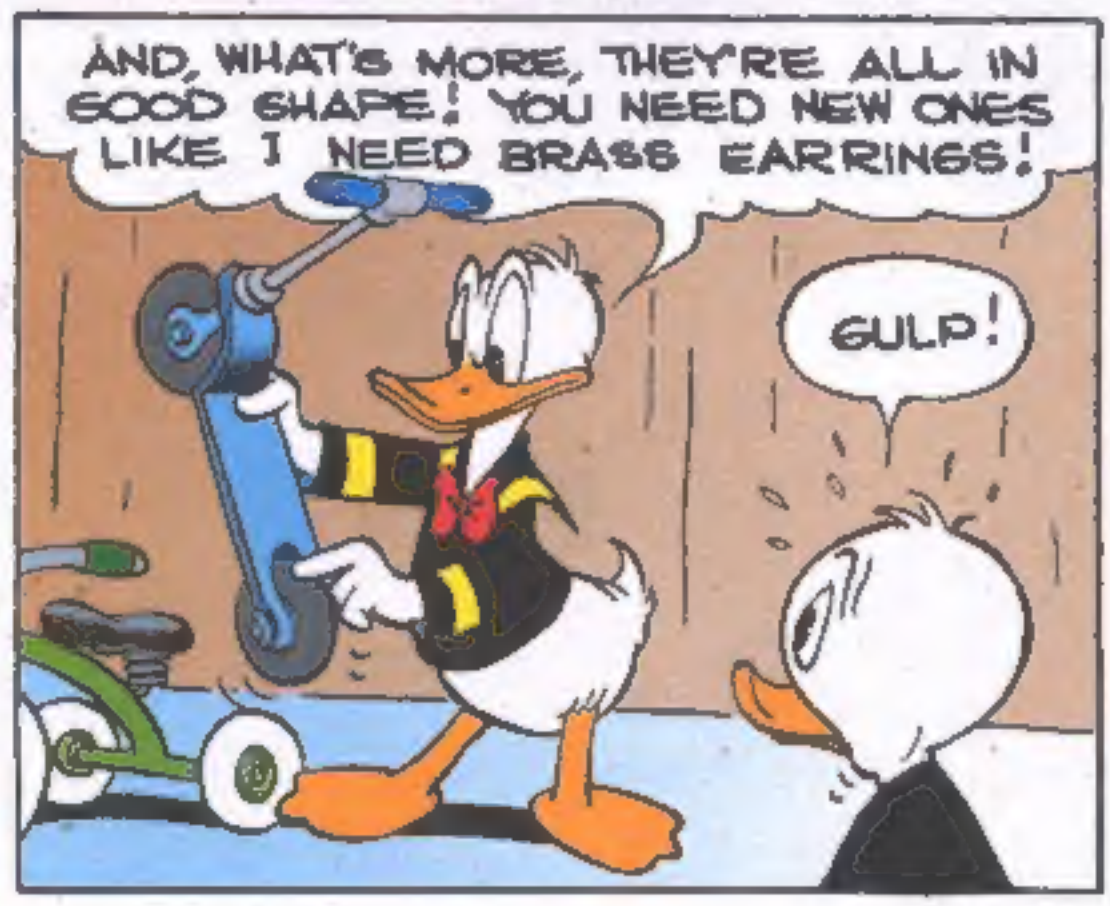










I KNEW WE SHOULD HAVE SENT THAT LIST TO SANTA!

WE'D HAVE GOTTEN OUR PRESENTS WITHOUT ANY BEEFS!

DON'T EXPECT ANY NEW COASTER WAGONS AND SO FORTH TILL **THESE** ARE WORN OUT! I'M ASHAMED OF YOUR **GREED**! (SNORT!)

GRRRR!

NO NEW ONES

TILL THESE ARE WORN OUT, HUH!

WE CAN STILL WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA!

THAT'S **OUT**!

UNCA' DONALD WOULD BE MADDER THAN A WET HEN!

I KNOW WHAT! LET'S GO **EARN** THE MONEY TO BUY OURSELVES SOME NEW ONES!

NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!

I'LL GET A JOB DELIVERING CHRISTMAS MESSAGES!

ZOW!

IF YOU CAN DO THAT, I CAN DO IT, TOO!

AND I CAN DELIVER PACKAGES! WE'RE GOING TO DO ALL RIGHT!

WE KIDS WANT TO MAKE SOME MONEY!

CABLE OFFICE

HAVE YOU ANY MESSAGES TO DELIVER, MISTER?

WE'RE SWAMPED! DELIVER THESE, AND YOU'LL GET A DOLLAR!

A DOLLAR ISN'T MUCH!

BUT IT'S A START!

I CAN DELIVER THESE MESSAGES FASTER IF I DON'T TAKE TIME TO PARK MY TRICYCLE!

ONE MINUTE LATER!

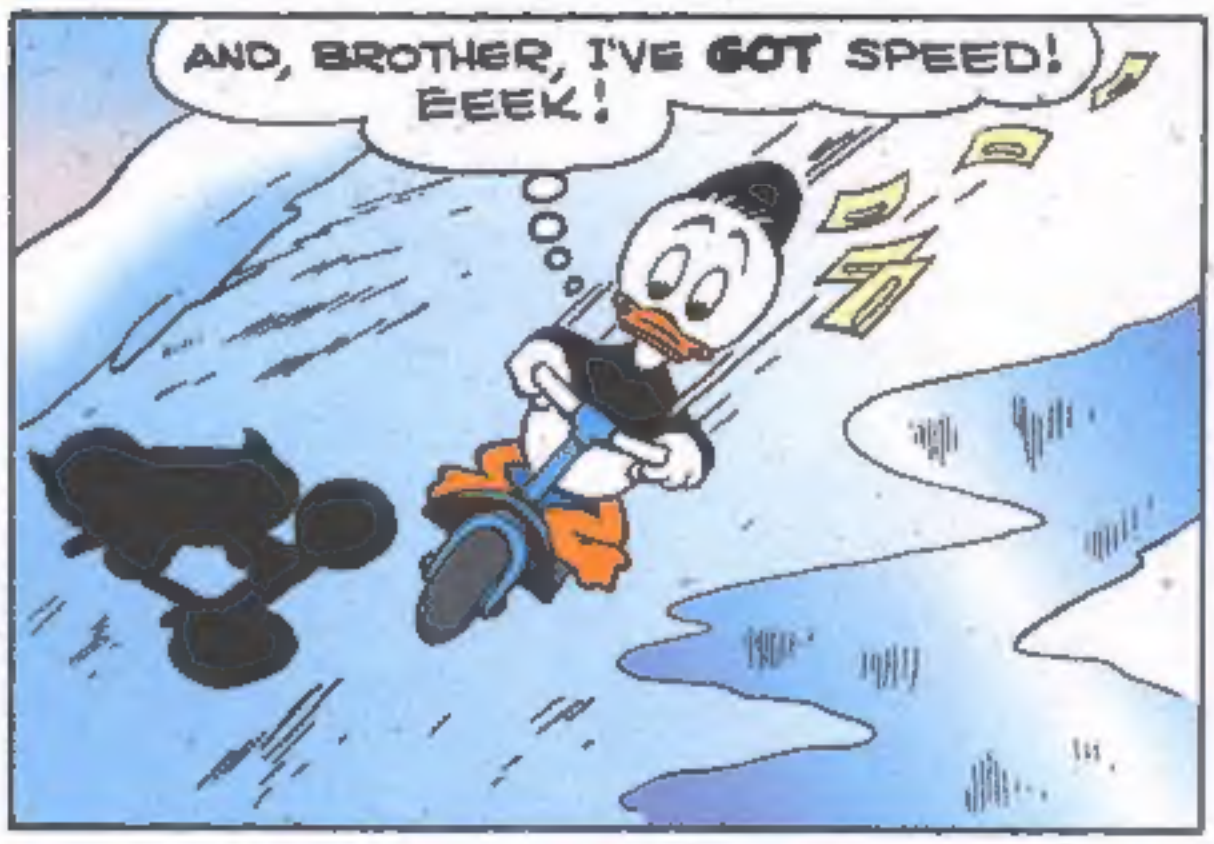
I SEE I SHOULD HAVE PARKED IT! SOMEBODY'S BACKED A TRUCK OVER IT!

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF MY GET-RICH-QUICK IDEA!

A MESSAGE TO DELIVER TO EAGLENEST DRIVE! THAT'S 'WAY OVER ON THAT OTHER HILL!

IT'S SAFER TO GO THE LONG WAY AROUND, BUT I WANT **SPEED**!

DANGER ICE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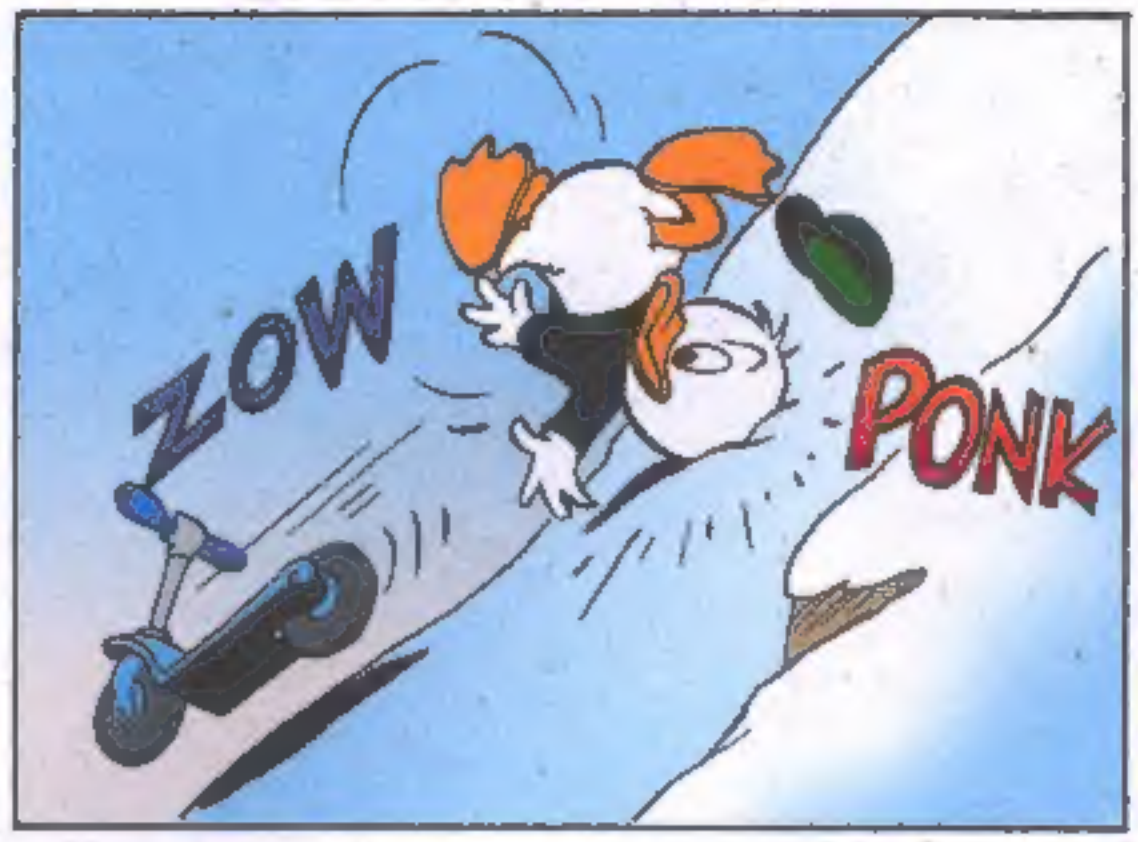
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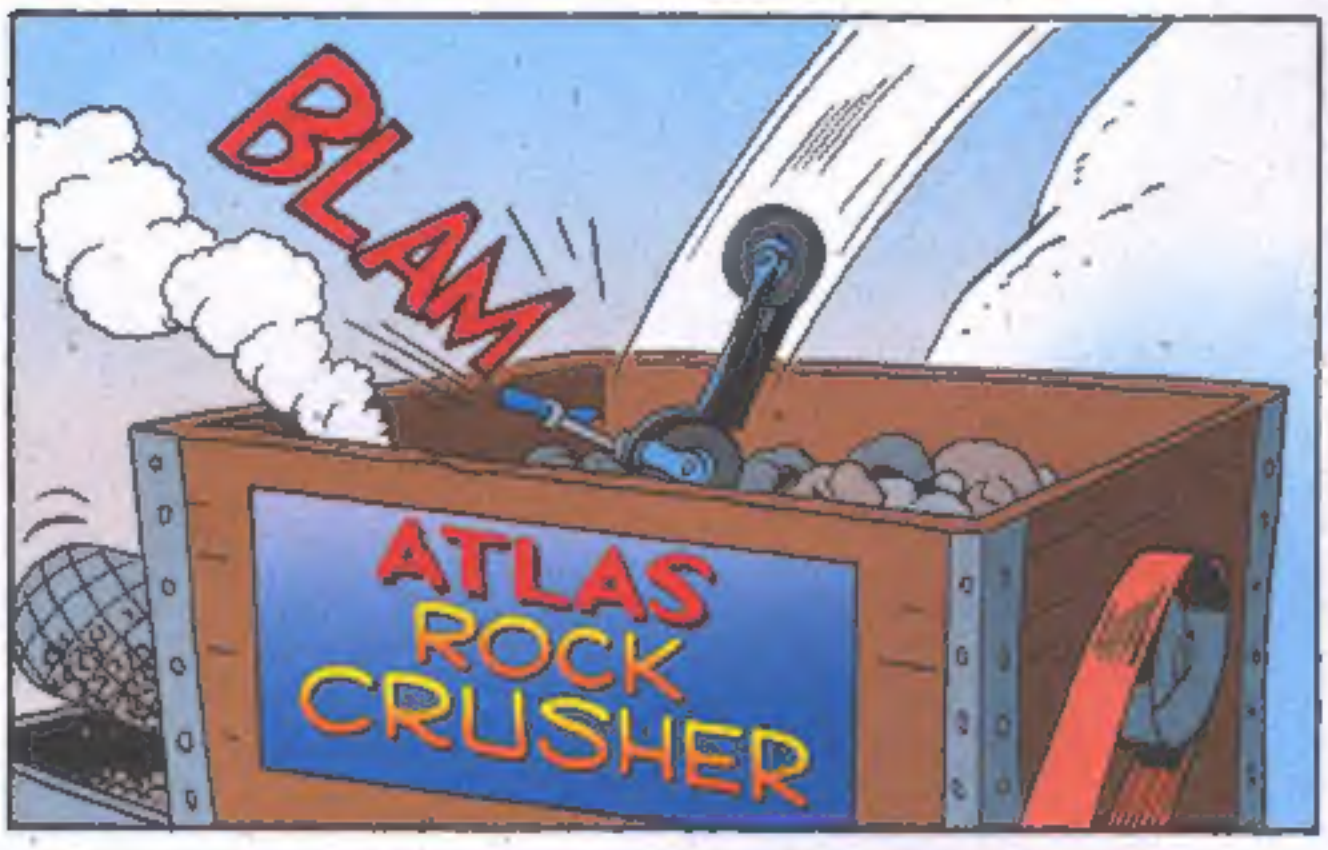
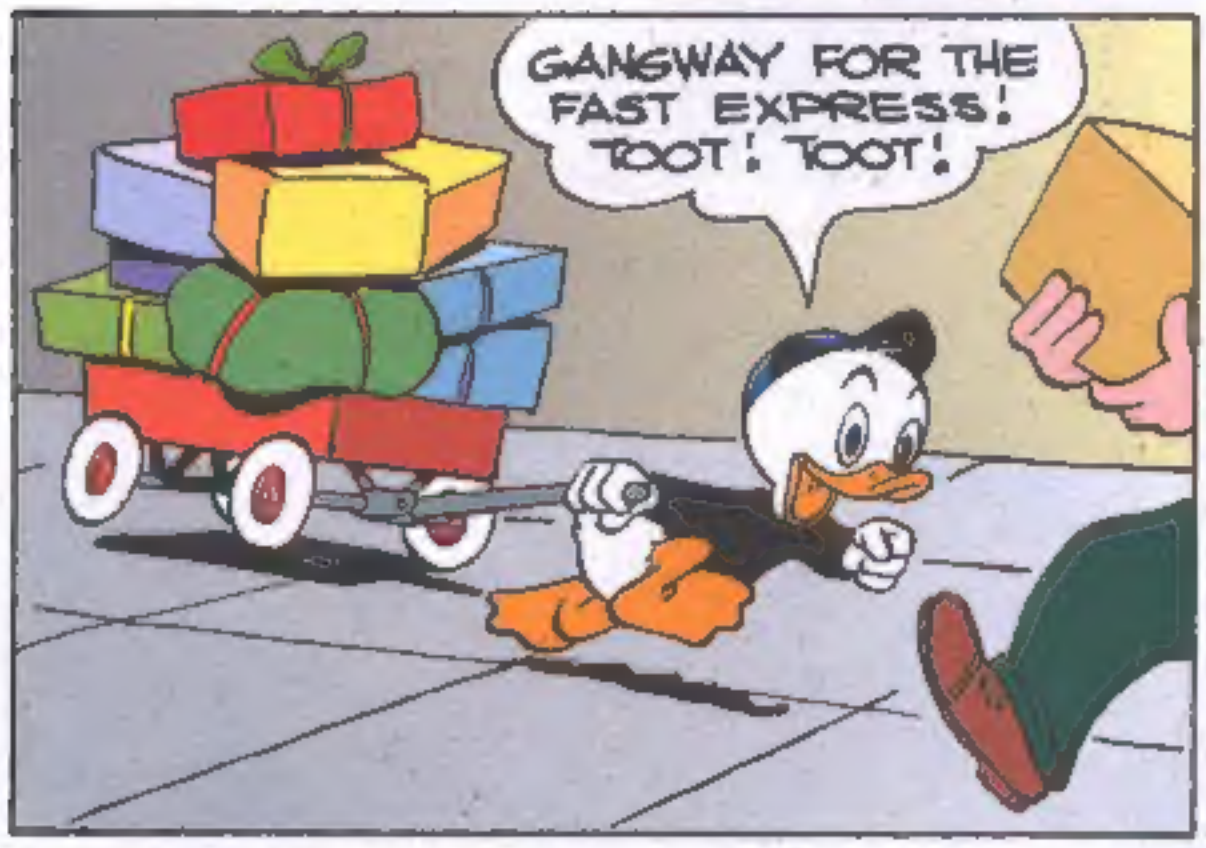
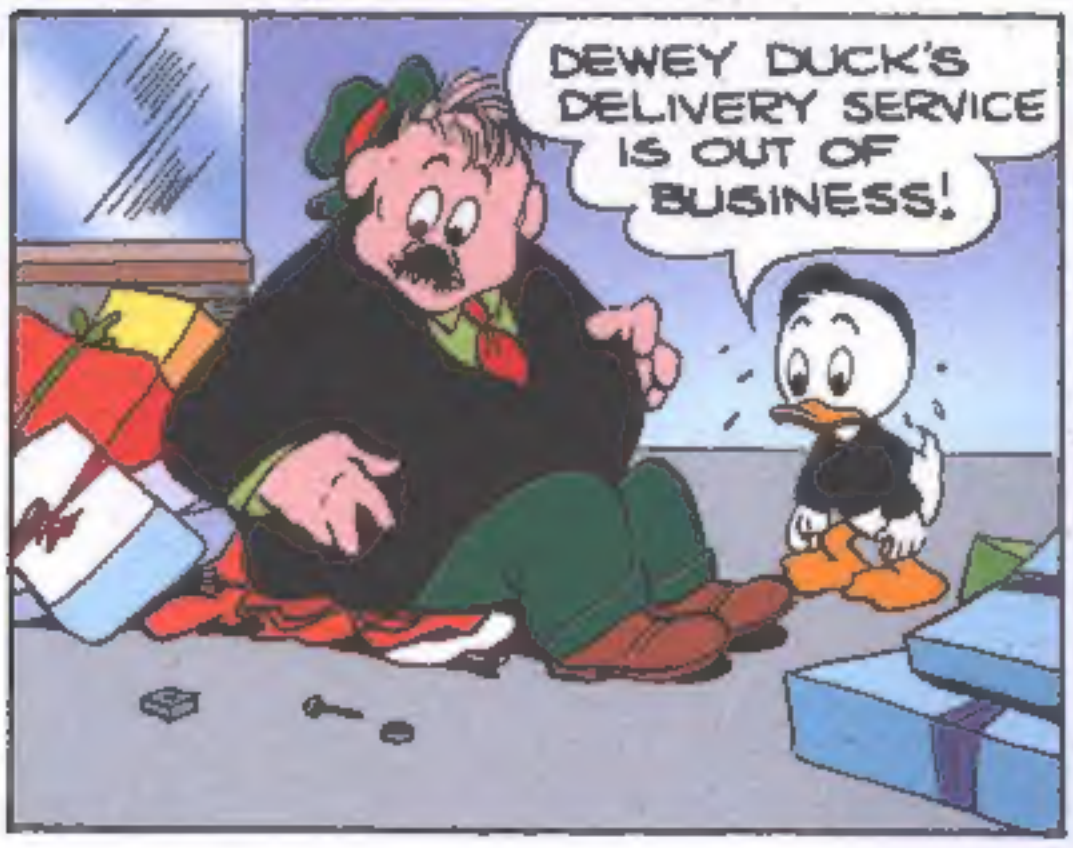
PONK


BLAM
ATLAS ROCK CRUSHER

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF MY GET-RICH SCHEME! WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SUCH A SMART ALECK?


GANGWAY FOR THE FAST EXPRESS! TOOT! TOOT!

CLANG! CLANG!
SKID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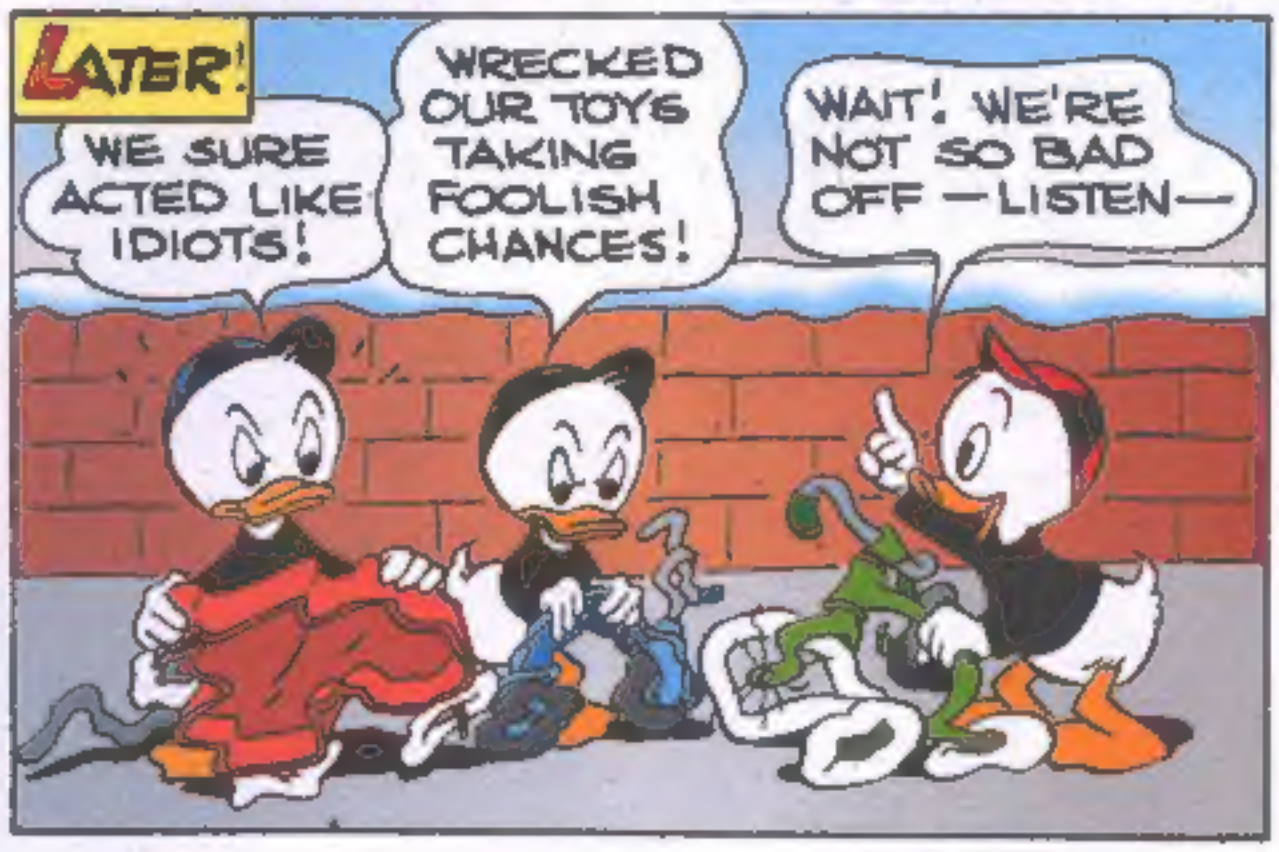

LATER!
WE SURE ACTED LIKE IDIOTS!
WRECKED OUR TOYS TAKING FOOLISH CHANCES!
WAIT! WE'RE NOT SO BAD OFF — LISTEN—

NOW UNCA' DONALD WILL HAVE TO BUY US A NEW COASTER AND A SCOOTER, AND A TRICYCLE!

JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE ALL THE WAY!

MEANWHILE DONALD HAS BEEN THINKING THINGS OVER!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO HARD ON THE KIDS! THEY DID WANT NEW THINGS!

AND, AFTER ALL CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR!

HELLO! IS THIS FIRESTONE TOYLAND?

AND SO— LATER!

NOW LET'S FIND UNCA' DONALD

AND SHOW HIM

THESE—

HEY! WAIT! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

A NEW TRICYCLE, A SCOOTER, AND A COASTER WAGON!

ALL FROM UNCA' DONALD!

YIPPEE! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOW HIM THE OLD ONES! WE'RE ALL SET!

CHRISTMAS MORNING!

YIPPEE! WE'LL TRY OUT OUR NEW PLAYTHINGS!

THANKS TO UNCA' DONALD!

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS, UNCA' DONALD?

DAISY GOT ME A SET OF MACHINE TOOLS FOR MY WORKSHOP! SOME PUNKINS, EH?

YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF **FUN**, UNCA' DONALD!

NOT ONLY FUN! I CAN **FIX** THINGS WITH THESE GADGETS! MEND BROKEN CHAIRS AND WASHING MACHINES, AND SO ON!

THAT'S SWELL, UNCA' DONALD!

SEE YOU LATER!

YIPPEE! KI YI!

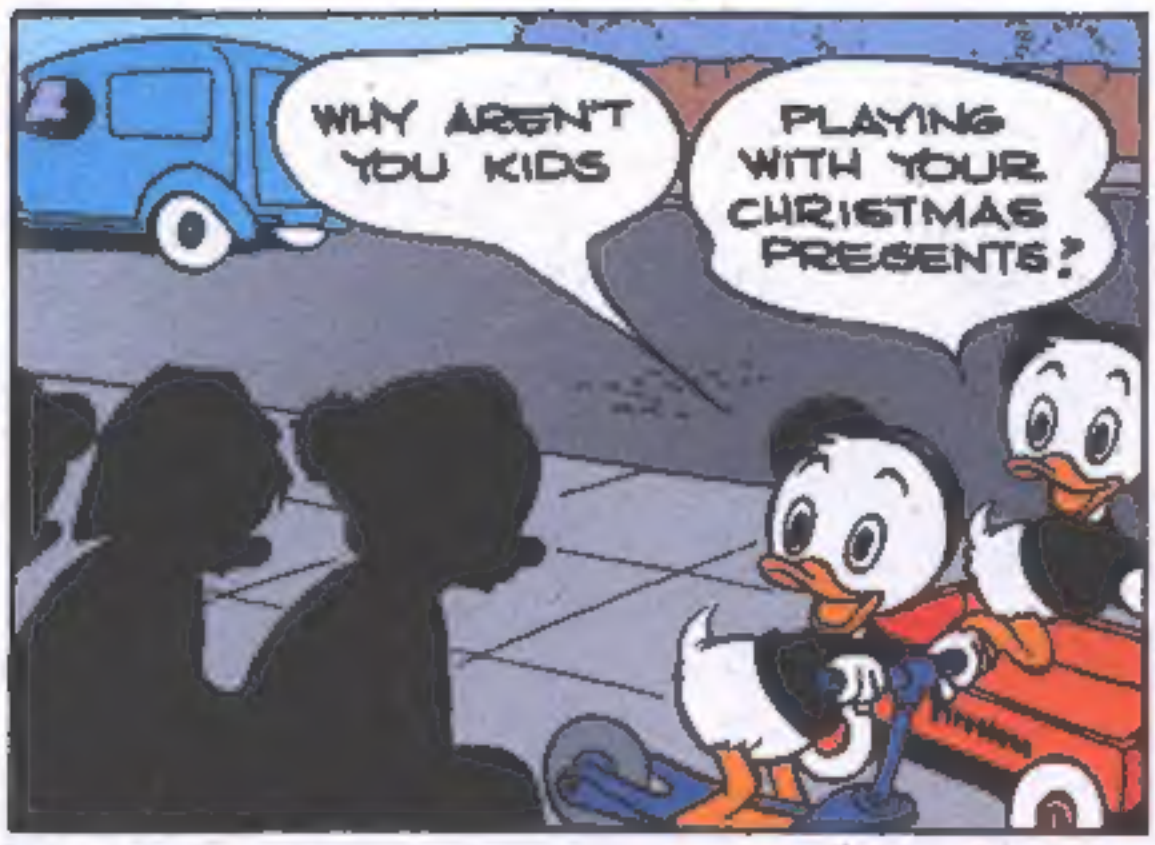
CLANG! CLANG!

TOOT! TOOT!

GANGWAY FOR THE FIREBALL MAIL!

CLANG! CLANG!

TOOT TOOOOOOOT!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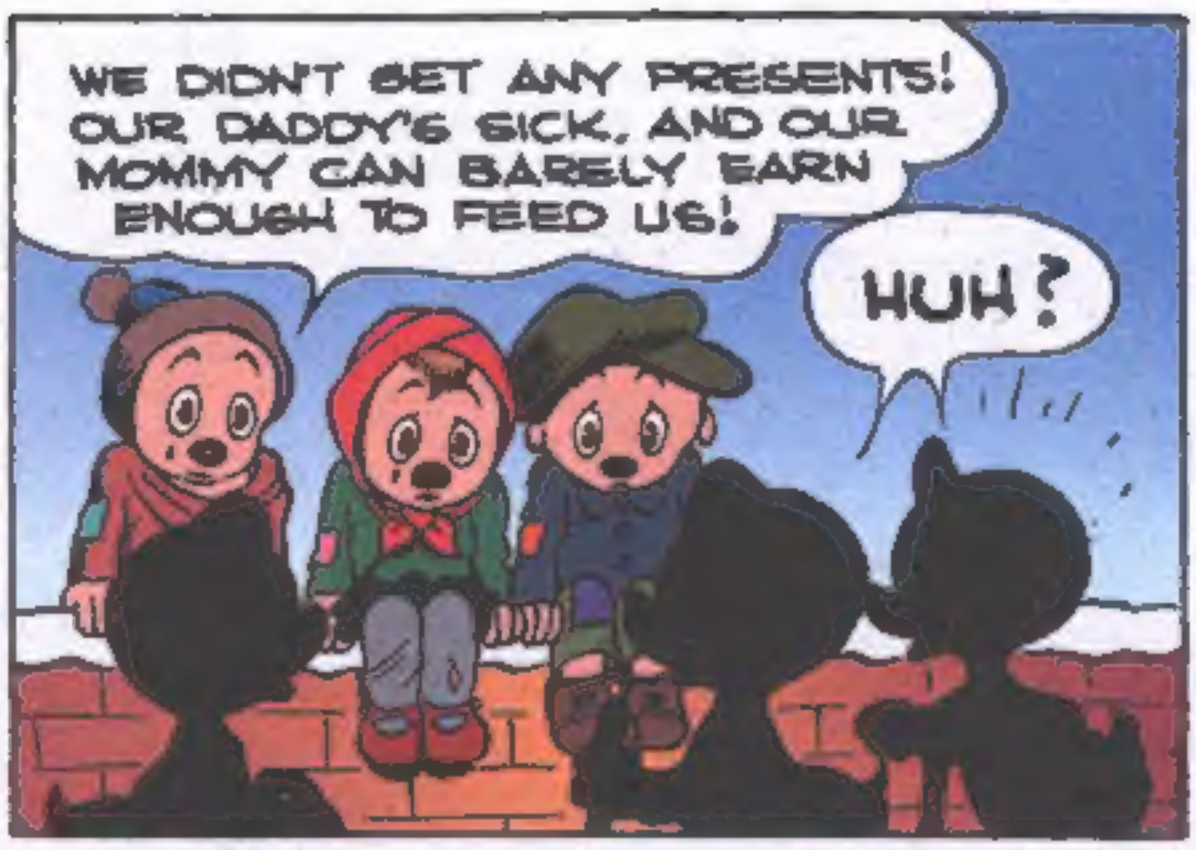
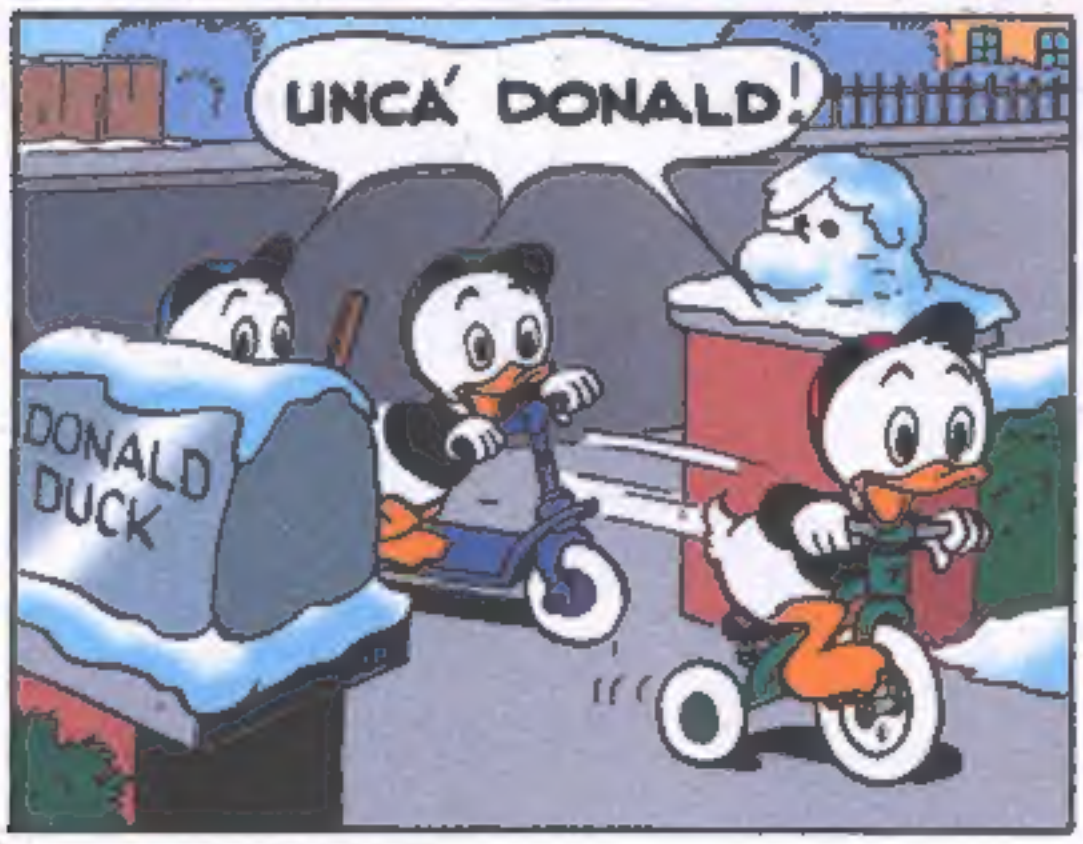
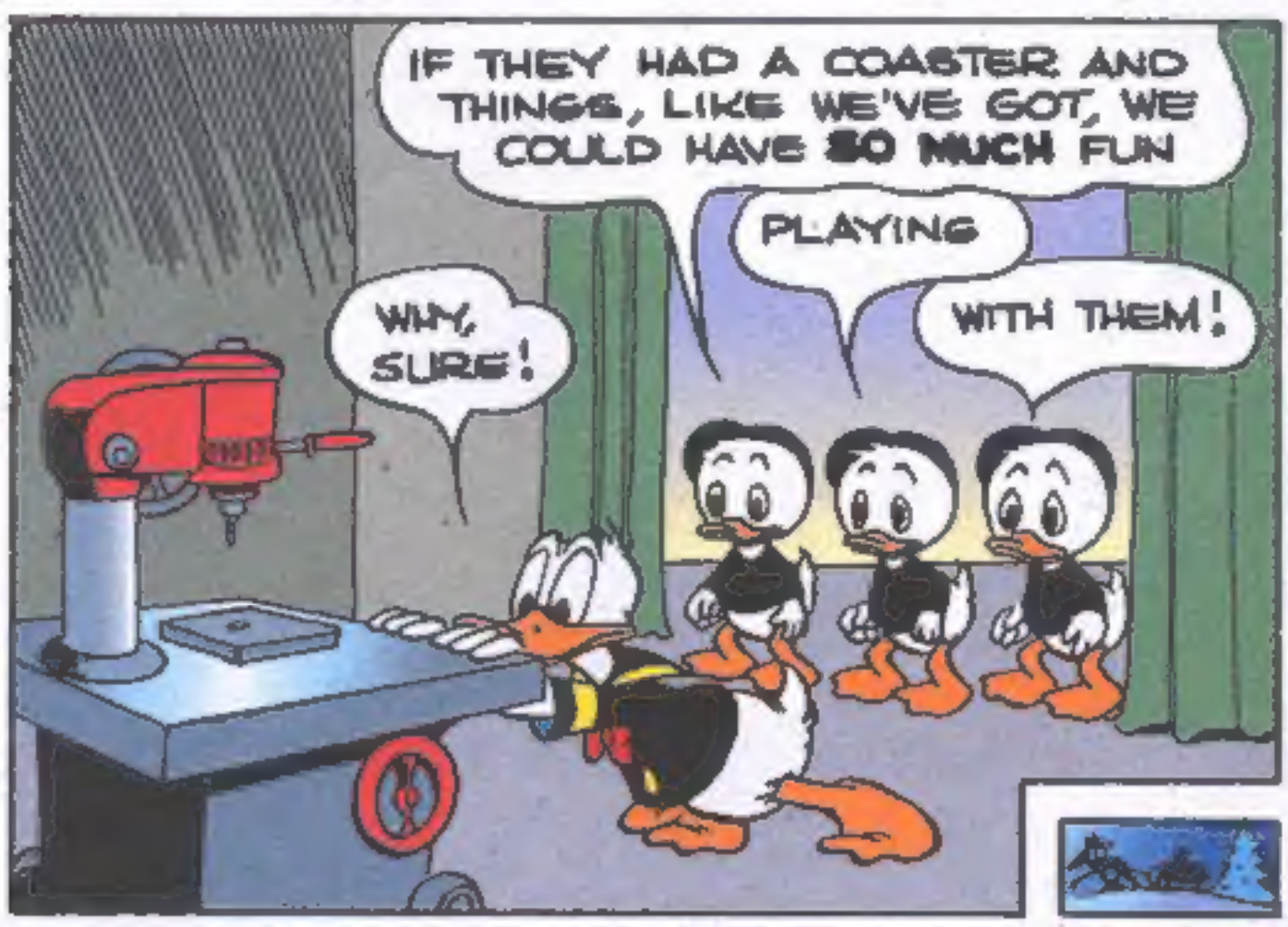
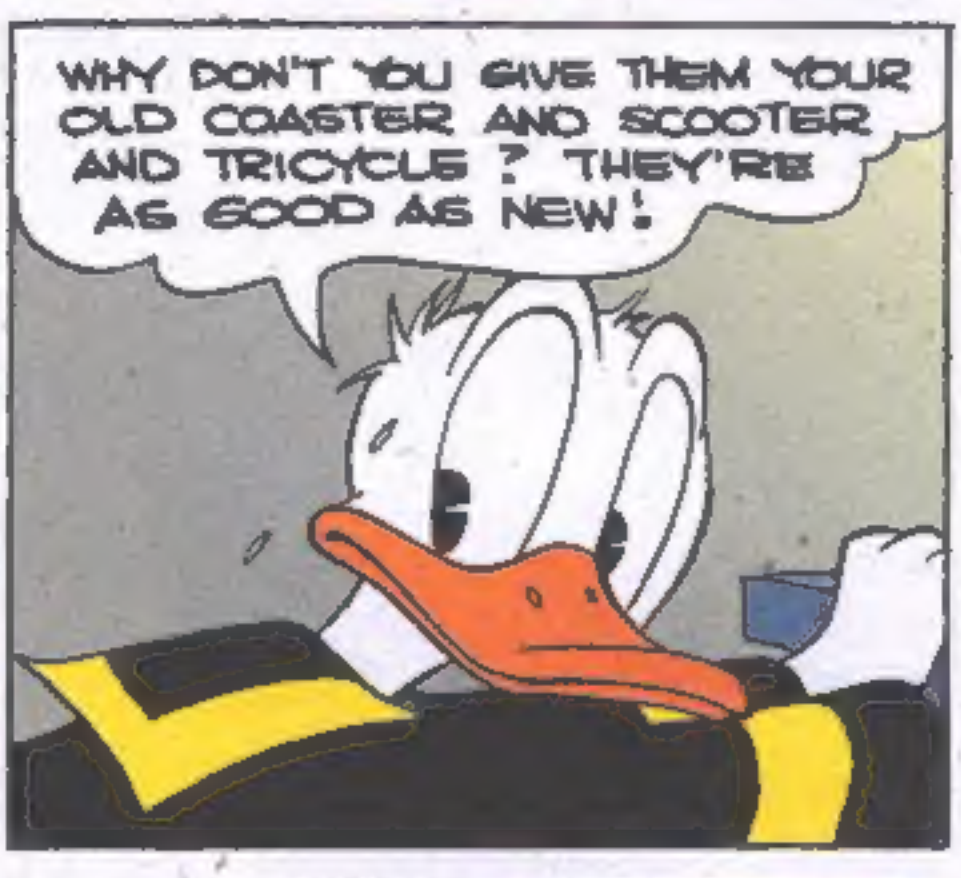
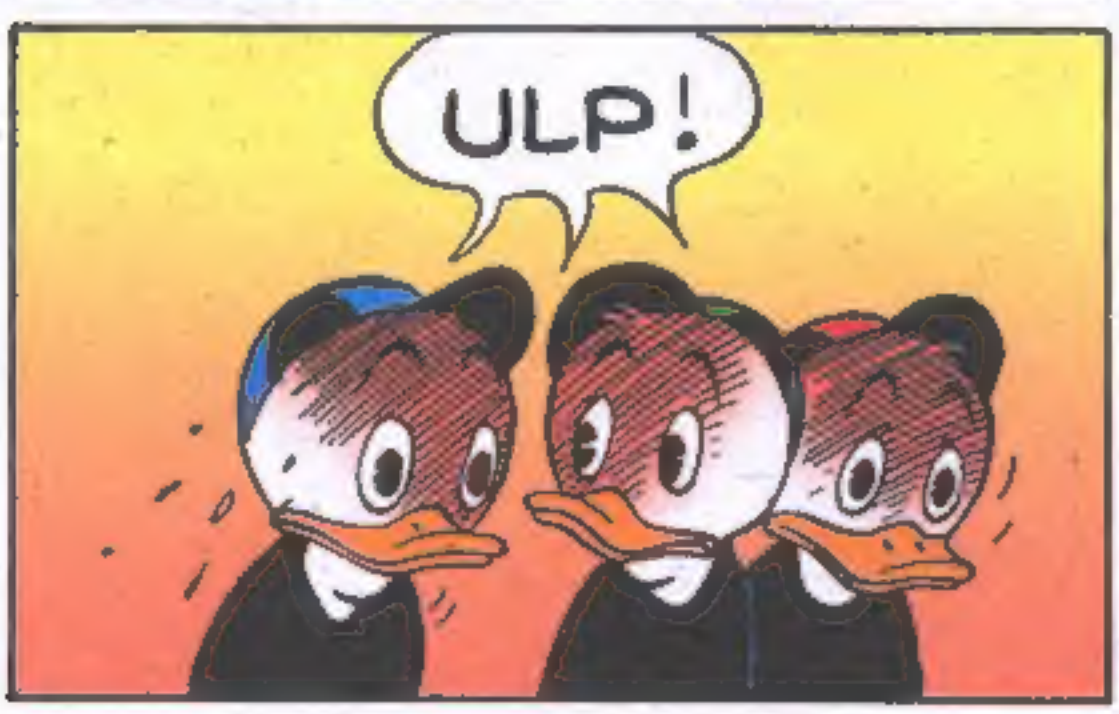

WE DIDN'T GET ANY PRESENTS! OUR DADDY'S SICK, AND OUR MOMMY CAN BARELY EARN ENOUGH TO FEED US!
HUH?


UNCA' DONALD!
DONALD DUCK

THERE ARE THREE POOR LITTLE KIDS DOWN THE STREET THAT DIDN'T GET ANY PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS!
GEE! THAT'S TOUGH!


IF THEY HAD A COASTER AND THINGS, LIKE WE'VE GOT, WE COULD HAVE SO MUCH FUN
PLAYING
WITH THEM!
WHY, SURE!


WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM YOUR OLD COASTER AND SCOOTER AND TRICYCLE? THEY'RE AS GOOD AS NEW!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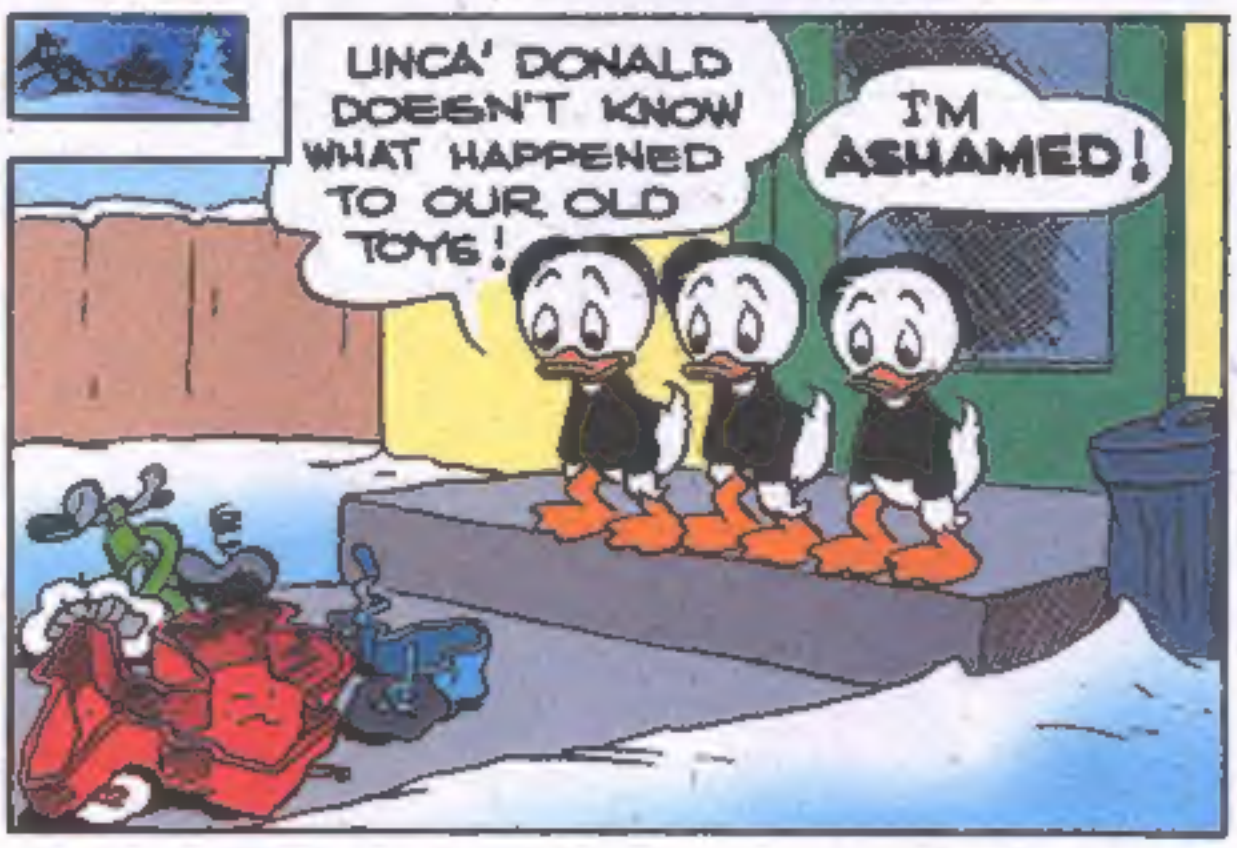
UNCA' DONALD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR OLD TOYS!
I'M ASHAMED!

NOW WE'RE ON A SPOT! IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO ASK UNCA' DONALD FOR MORE TOYS!

THERE'S JUST ONE THING WE CAN DO!

YEAH!

I'M GAME!

LATER!

HELLO, DAISY! I'VE GOT MY WORKSHOP SET UP IN THE BASEMENT, AND I'M GOING DOWN NOW TO TRY OUT MY NEW TOOLS! BOY, OH, BOY! WILL I HAVE FUN!

HEY, WHAT GIVES HERE? WHY AREN'T YOU KIDS OUT PLAYING WITH YOUR NEW TOYS?

WHIRR!

WHIRR

WE DON'T HAVE ANY NEW TOYS,

UNCA' DONALD!

WHAT!

WE GAVE THEM TO THE POOR KIDS DOWN THE STREET!

AND NOW WE'RE FIXING UP OUR OLD ONES FOR OURSELVES!

YOU DID?...YOU ARE? SAY, THAT'S REALLY SHOWING THE OLD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

AND SO IT'S A MERRY, MERRY DAY FOR ALL!

JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE ALL THE WAY! ♫ OH, WHAT FUN WE'RE HAVING ON THIS MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY!

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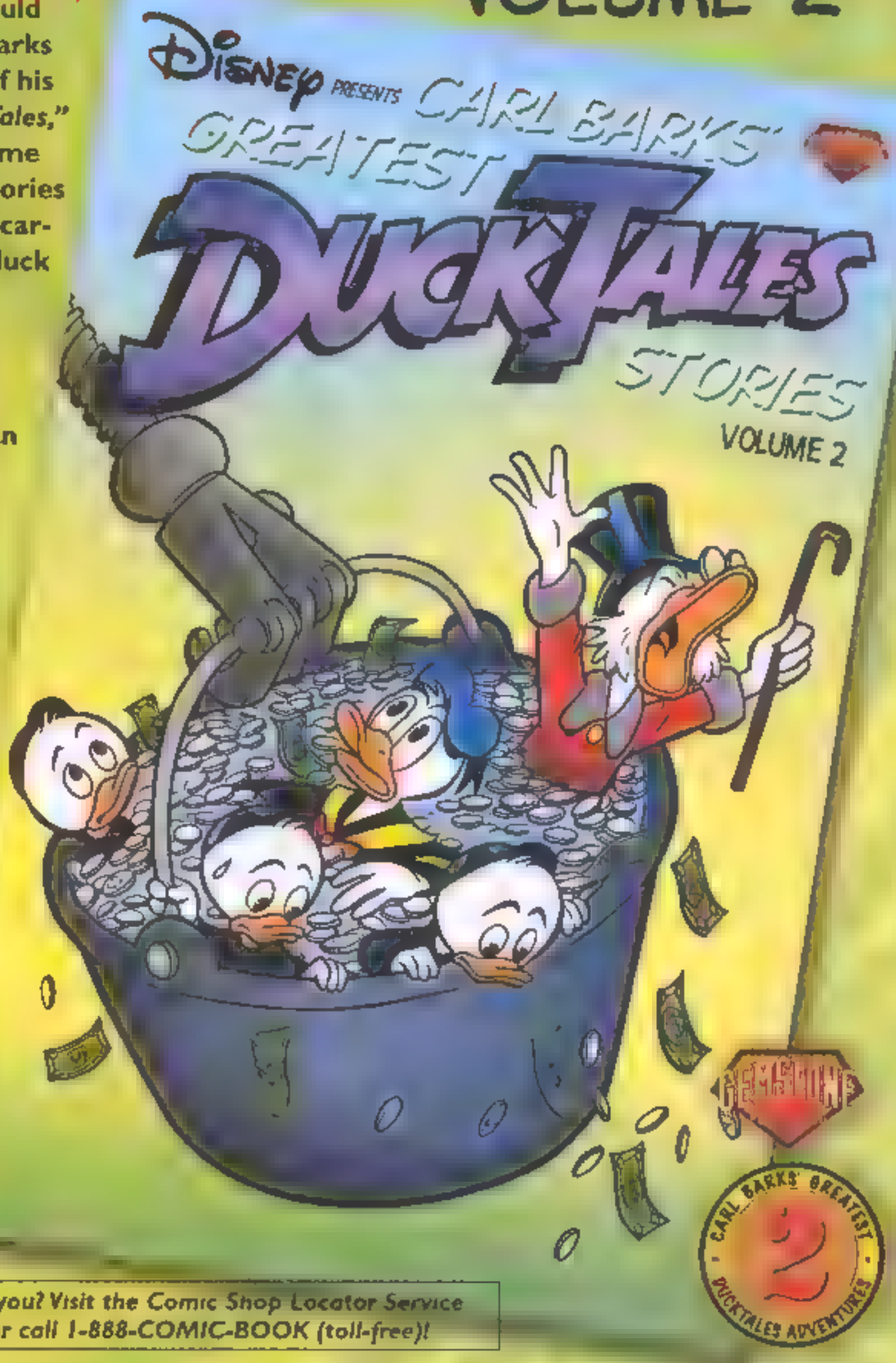

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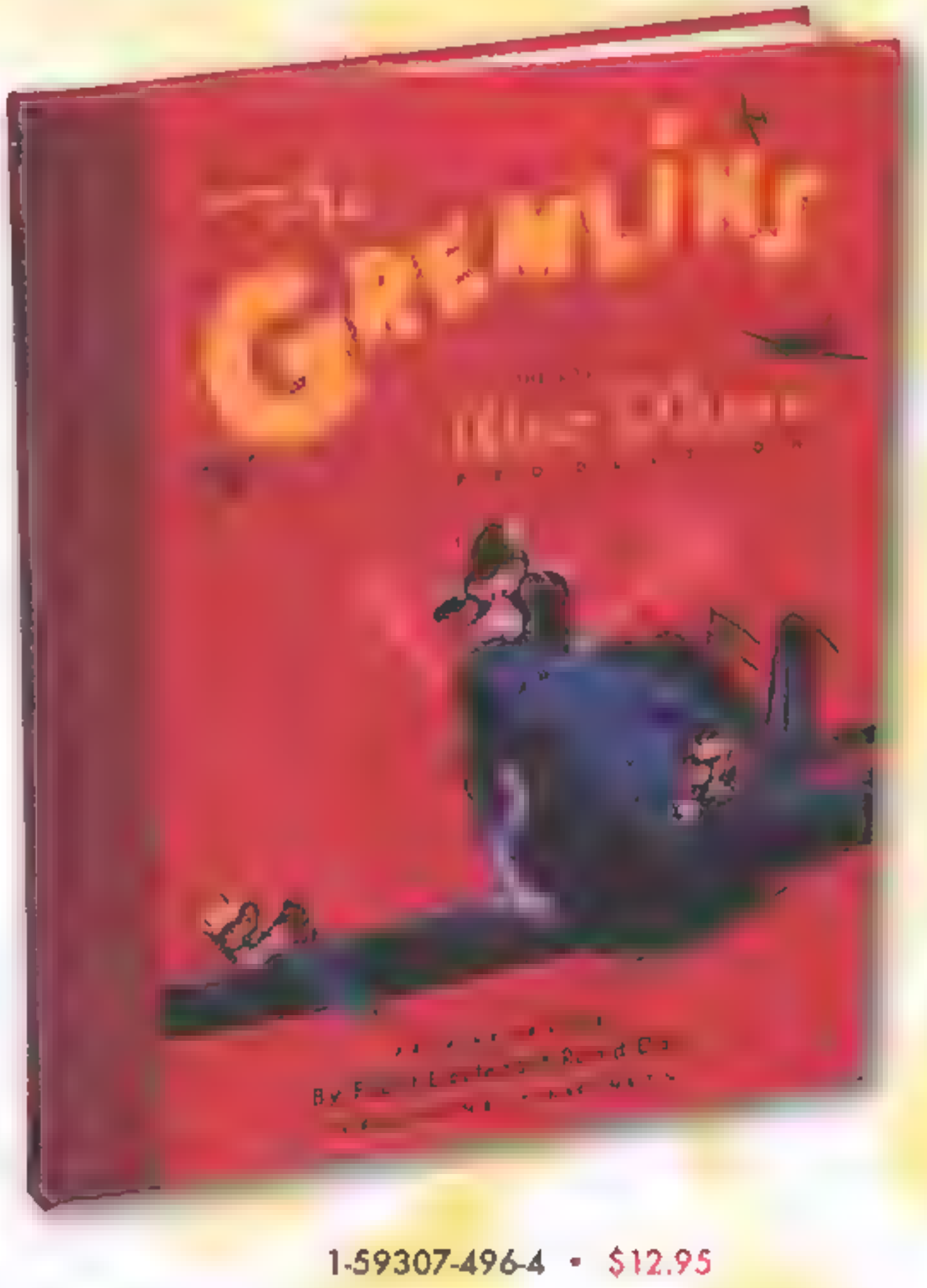

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HEY!

→OOMF!←

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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO *PULL* HERE, PAL? I SAW THIS LINE FIRST, AND *YOU* CUT IN *FRONT* OF ME!

I DON'T BELIEVE *SO*, DEAR FELLOW - BUT PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! I *WAS* HURRYING TO GET TO THE THEATER!

THAT'S *NO* EXCUSE!

YOU GOT *IN* MY WAY! NOW *GET OUU* - →*WAAAK!*←

NOW LOOK WHAT YOU DID!

ME? B-BUT IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS! CAN'T WE JUST *FORGET* THE WHOLE THING?

HARDLY!

I'M NOT GOING *ANYWHERE* 'TIL YOU PICK MY PACKAGE UP! I DON'T CARE IF YOU *MISS* YOUR WHOLE SHOW! =>SNORT! SNORT!<=

SIR, I'M NOT *GOING* TO A SHOW - I *AM* THE SHOW!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! LOOK *CLOSELY!*

WHAT? YOU TRYING TO BUY ME OFF WITH A *QUARTER?*

NO - I'M GOING TO *HYPNOTIZE* YOU! LIKE *THIS!*

BOING!

I'M GIVING YOU THE GIFT OF *GOOD MANNERS!* UNLESS YOU'RE *INCREDIBLY* NICE TO *EVERYONE,* YOU WON'T GET ANY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

WAKE UP!

OH NO! YOUR *PACKAGES!* WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

PLEASE, LET ME PICK THEM UP FOR YOU...

...AND *PLEASE,* HAVE A *GREAT* EVENING!

AND YOU!

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! I ALMOST BLEW MY CHANCE TO GET ANY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

DONALD HEADS HOME, NOT HIMSELF AT ALL!

GOOD AFTERNOON, DEAR NEPHEWS!

-:HUH?:-

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH UNCA DONALD?

-:HA-HA!:- WHAT A WONDERFUL SENSE OF *HUMOR* YOU DEAR TYKES HAVE! HERE, LET ME HELP YOU WITH YOUR COATS!

I'VE GOT HOT CHOCOLATE WAITING FOR YOU BY THE FIRE!

SOMETHING IS *DEFINITELY* NOT RIGHT!

NOW YOU THREE *RELAX* WHILE I FIX UP A *GREAT DINNER!*

HOW CAN WE *RELAX?* WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEVIL'S *GOING ON!*

NO PRESENTS! NO PRESENTS! NO PRESENTS! IF I'M NOT NICE TO EVERYONE –

I DON'T GET IT!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T *ENJOY* IT!

SO THE NEPHEWS ENJOY! BUT UNCLE SCROOGE...

WHAT ON *EARTH* ARE YOU DOING? AND WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY *LAZY* NEPHEW DONALD?

GOOD MORNING!

DON'T LOOK SO SUSPICIOUS! CAN'T I JUST BE *NICE* TO YOU FOR A CHANGE?

I'M REPORTING TO WORK AN HOUR EARLY TODAY, JUST SO I CAN *PERSONALLY* CHAUFFEUR YOU TO THE MONEY BIN!

WHATEVER'S GOING ON, I SUPPOSE I'LL FIND OUT! MAY AS WELL SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE RIDE!

ENJOY?

LOUSY TRAFFIC! I WONDER WHAT THE HOLD-UP IS *THIS* TIME?

GO AHEAD! NO SENSE IN RUSHING! HAVE A NICE DAY!

→*GASP!*← BUT – BUT *DONALD* USUALLY CUTS OFF *OLD WOMEN* IN THE CROSSING LANE TO MAKE A *YELLOW* LIGHT! *SOMETHING'S REALLY WRONG!*

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING, AND DONALD'S STILL A NICENIK!

NOW THAT I'VE MANICURED YOUR NAILS, BOYS, HOW ABOUT NICE HOT *TOWELS* FOR YOUR *FACES?*

=YAWN!= WHATEVER!

WHATEVER? YOU BRATS DON'T *APPRECIATE* THIS? I OUGHTTA ..

...PAT YOU ON YOUR CUTE LITTLE FOREHEADS, BOYS! FEED YOU *ANOTHER* ROUND OF CHOCOLATE JUNK!

I'LL GO GET SOME NOW!

OH, ME! THAT WAS *CLOSE!*

SEE THAT, MEN? HE'S *STILL* GOT HIS TEMPER! HE'S JUST TRYING TO *REPRESS* IT...

...TRYING HARDER THAN *EVER* FOR SOME REASON!

WHY? IT WAS FUN AT FIRST - *NOW* IT'S *RIDICULOUS!*

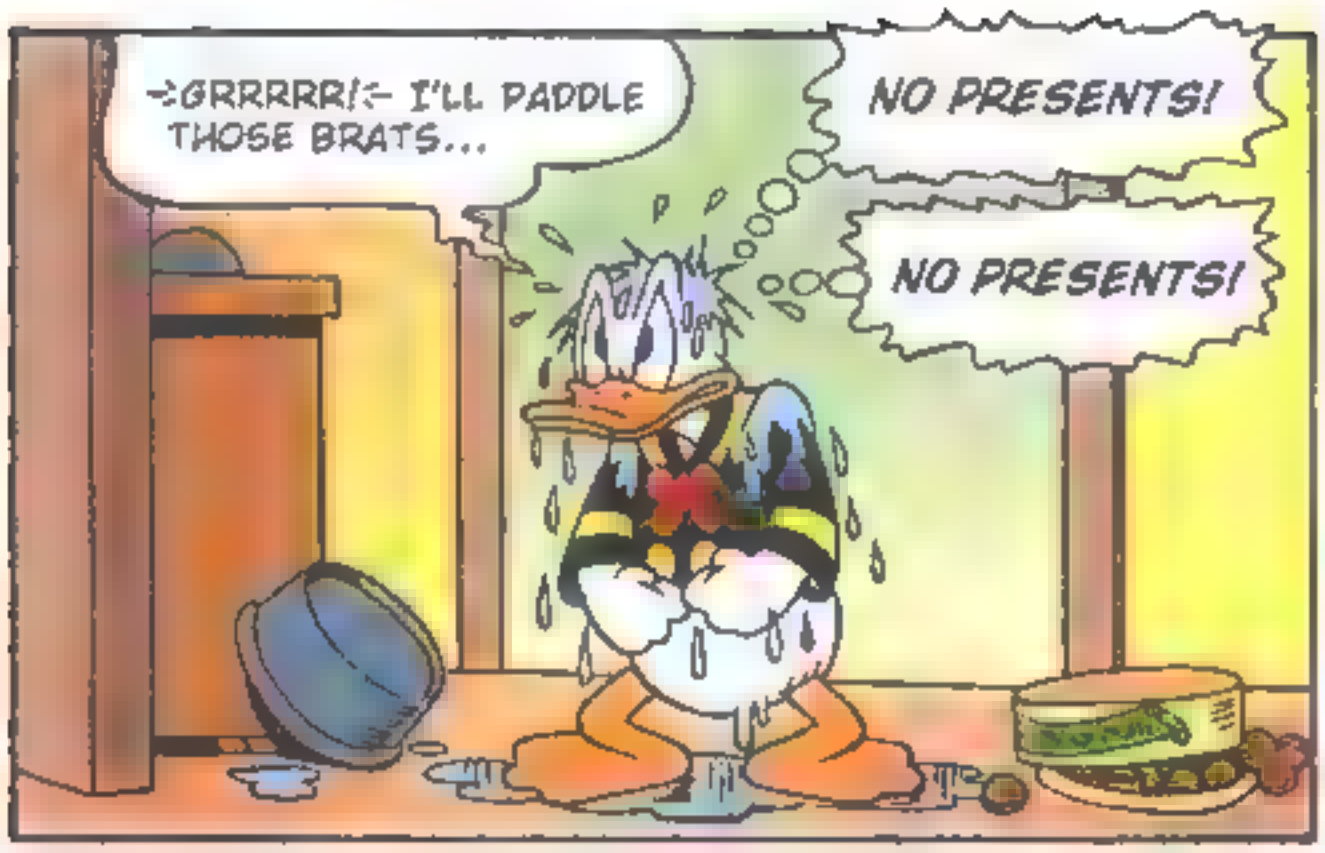
A *PRACTICAL JOKE* WILL END THE KINDNESS!

COLD WATER, MEN! WE WANT THE FULL *CHILLING EFFECT!*

READY OR NO-OOT!

HERE IT *COMES...*

AND *THERE IT GOES!*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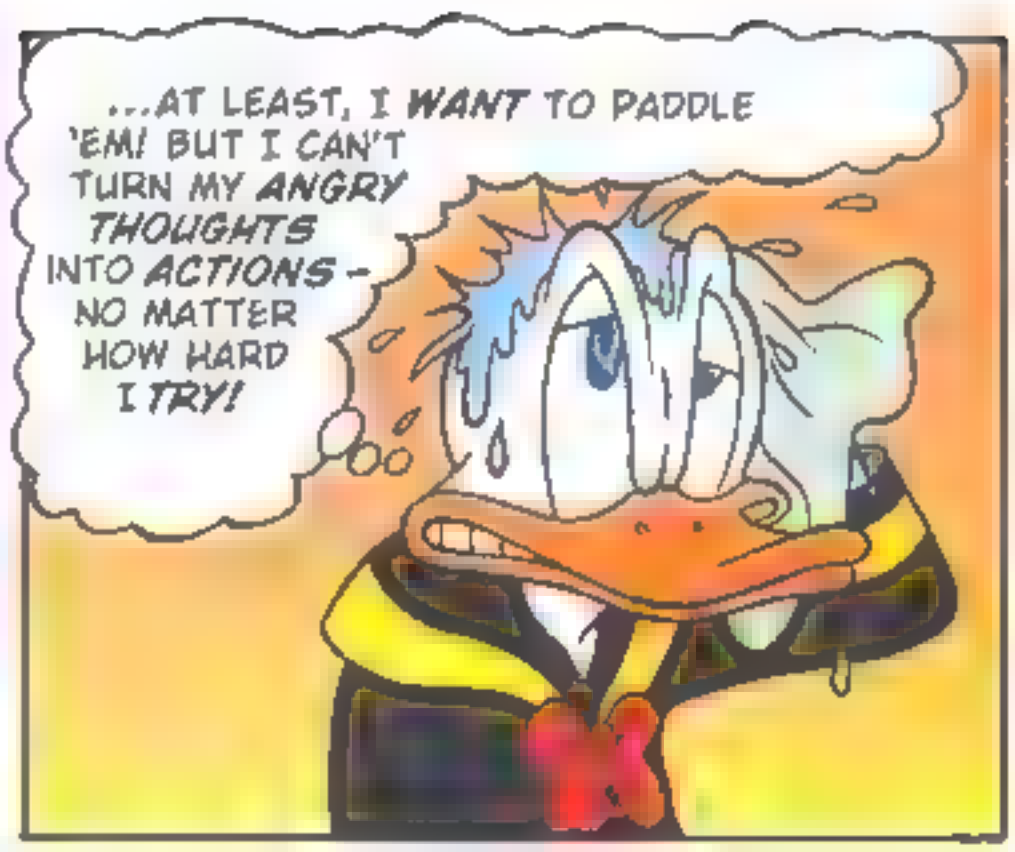
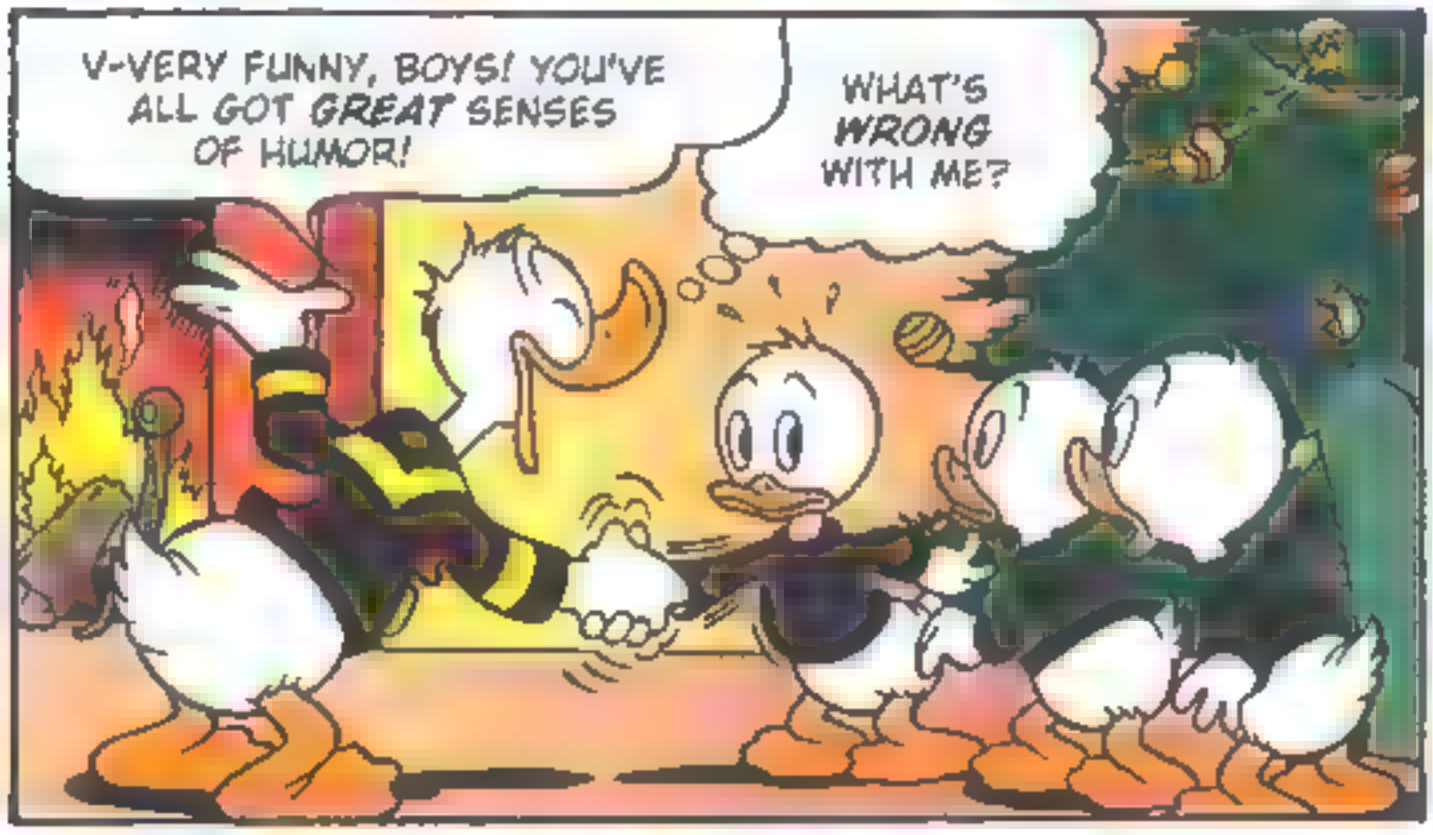
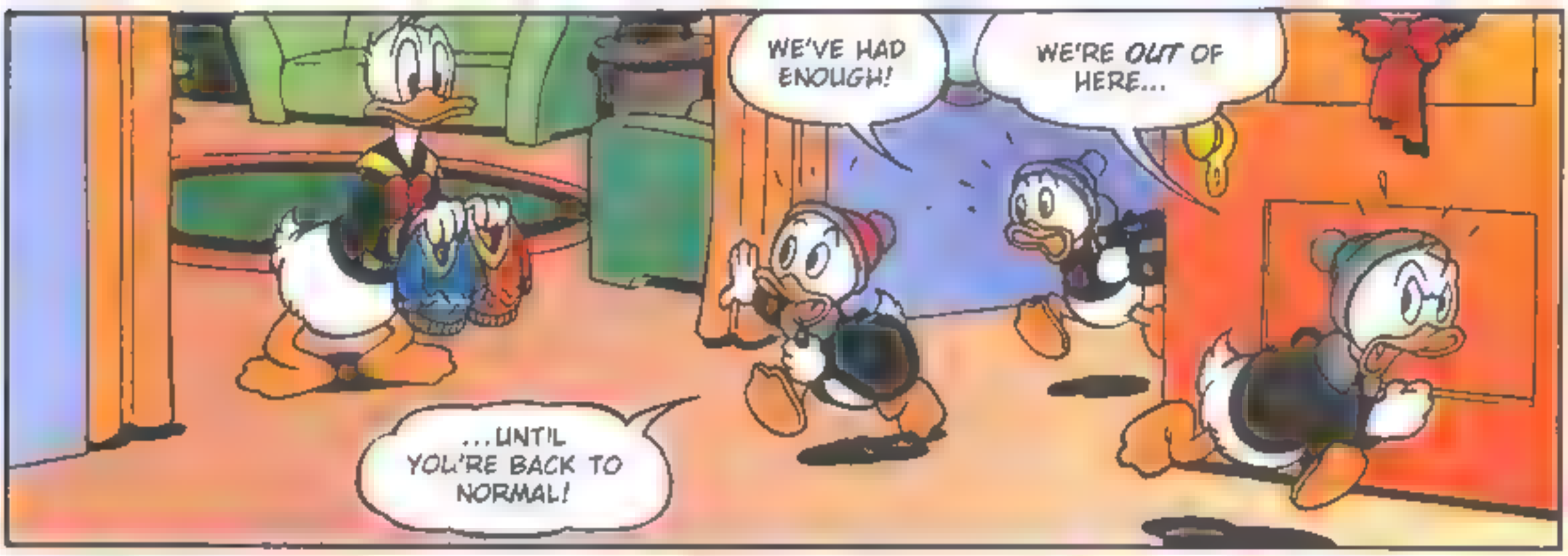
NO PRESENTS!
NO PRESENTS!


...AT LEAST, I WANT TO PADDLE 'EM! BUT I CAN'T TURN MY ANGRY THOUGHTS INTO ACTIONS - NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY!


V-VERY FUNNY, BOYS! YOU'VE ALL GOT GREAT SENSES OF HUMOR!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

I WAS GOING TO SAVE THESE FOR TOMORROW - BUT HERE! I KNITTED EACH OF YOU A NEW SWEATER!


...UNTIL YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL!
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!
WE'RE OUT OF HERE...

IF I CAN'T BE NICE TO THEM, I DON'T GET PRESENTS! AND IF THEY'RE GONE, I CAN'T BE NICE TO THEM!
WAIT! IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE SWEATERS, I CAN TRY TO KNIT NEW SCARVES!

BUT THE KIDS HAVE VANISHED TO POINTS UNKNOWN!

COME BACK! I HAVE TO BE NICE TO YOU!

NO PRESENTS!

NO PRESENTS!

NO PRESENTS!

AW, WHAT'S GOTTEN *INTO* ME? I'M MAKING MYSELF LOOK *SILLY* – AND HOW *BAD* CAN GETTING NO PRESENTS *BE?*

DONALD DUCK

=GLEEP!= UTTERLY *TRAGIC!* I *MUST* DO *GOOD!* I *MUST!* *MUST!*

UNABLE TO FIGHT THE HYPNOTIC URGE, DONALD RACES ACROSS DUCKBURG! HE'S NICE TO EVERYONE HE CAN FIND – WITHOUT KNOWING WHY!

=PHEW!= THIS IS GETTING *EXTREME!* SHOULD I BE *LOCKED UP* SOMEWHERE?

IT'S MY *LAST* TWO DOLLARS, BUT IF YOU'RE TWO DOLLARS *SHORT...*

THANK YOU *SO* MUCH! WE'VE NEVER SEEN A *HYPNOTIST* BEFORE!

SEE THE **GENTLEMAN HYPNOTIST** CHRISTMAS EVE PERFORMANCE

HYPNOTIST! *SAY!*

THAT'S THE GUY FROM THE STORE! HE MUST'VE HYPNOTIZED *ME*, THE CREEP...

...SO I'M STUCK BE NG *NICE* TO EVERYONE! I'LL GET EVEN - OH, *HOW* I'LL GET EVEN!

BUT DONALD HAS FORGOTTEN SOMETHING!

THIS IS WHERE ALL THE ACTORS COME OUT! I'LL JUST WAIT HERE FOR MR. SMARTY-PANTS!

YOU!

YEAH, *ME!*

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A PIECE OF *MY MIND*, YOU LOUSY- UH- UH...!

NO PRESENTS! NO PRESENTS!

=ACK!= EVEN WHEN I'M *AWARE* OF MY HYPNOTISM - I FEEL MYSELF *OBEYING* IT *ANYWAY!*

I *CAN'T* YELL AT HIM! I WON'T GET ANY *PRESENTS!*

BUT I KNOW THAT'S JUST A *HYPNOTIC* SUGGESTION! MUST- *FIGHT...*

=GAG! SPUT!=

I *CAN'T* YELL! I CAN'T BE *ANGRY!* I HAVE TO BE *NICE* TO YOU!

I WANT *CHRISTMAS* PRESENTS! I *WANT* THEM!

EXCELLENT! THE TRANCE IS HOLDING! NOW THAT I SEE WHAT A GOOD PERSON THIS HAS MADE YOU, I THINK I'LL *KEEP* YOU THIS WAY *FOREVER!*

FOREVER? YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP ME THIS WAY *FOREVER?*

BOING!

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU WHAT *I'M* GOING TO DO!

FROM *THIS* DAY ON, I'M GOING TO FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO AND BE *NICE* TO YOU!

IN THE *MORNING!* IN THE *AFTERNOON!* IN THE *NIGHT!* EVERYWHERE YOU GO, ALL YOU'LL SEE IS *ME* BEING *NICE!*

I'LL DO YOUR DISHES! BRUSH YOUR HAIR! I'LL EVEN BRUSH YOUR *TEETH* FOR YOU! I'LL SING YOU TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT FROM NOW UNTIL *FOREVER!*

YOU'LL *NEVER* BE RID OF ME! *MERRY CHRISTMAS!* ~:BWAHAHAHAAAA!:~

ALL RIGHT! YOU *WIN!*

SO...

YOU'RE NO LONGER OBLIGED TO BE NICE TO *ANYONE!* I JUST HOPE THIS EXPERIENCE HAS *TAUGHT* YOU SOME-THING!

YEAH! I'VE LEARNED HYPNOTISTS ARE A BIG *PAIN!* I'M EXHAUSTED FROM *WORKING* SO HARD! WHO *CARES* IF I GET ANY-

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

→WAK!← *PRESENTS!* WHO'S THROWING A PARTY AT *OUR* HOUSE?!

WE ARE, UNCA DONALD! WITH EVERYONE YOU HELPED OUT!

AND A PILE OF EXTRA PRESENTS...

...TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR *NICENESS* - AS LONG AS...

...YOU *PROMISE* TO *CALM DOWN!*

WE KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT US, NEPHEW! JUST DON'T GO *OVERBOARD!*
→GRUNT!←

OVERBOARD? *ME?*

→HMM!← NEXT YEAR I'M BEING *EXTRA-MEAN* TO *EVERYONE!*

Walt Disney's

Donald Duck in Beating the Wrap

ONLY A FEW DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS, AND THE BOYS ARE BEING EXTRA HELPFUL-

AH! GREAT LUNCH, BOYS!

NOT MORE THAN YOU *DESERVE*, UNCA DONALD! WHY DON'T YOU GO RELAX IN YOUR FAVORITE CHAIR WHILE *WE* DO THE DISHES?!!

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ALL THE *NICE STUFF* WE'VE BEEN DOING SHOWS A LOT OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!!

YUP! UNCA DONALD IS SURE TO BUY US THE *BEST* PRESENTS *EVER* THIS YEAR!

HOW'S THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GOING ON *YOUR END*, DAISY?!

MAYBE UNCA DONALD WOULD LIKE A *HOT DRINK!*

GOOD IDEA! THAT WILL BUTTER HIM UP WHERE IT COUNTS-*HIS STOMACH!*

LET'S ASK HIM POLITELY IF SOME *COCOA* MIGHT NOT WARM HIS INSIDES!

AND *SWEETEN* HIM UP!

SHUSH! HE'S ON THE *PHONE!*

.. AND JUST TO TOP OFF THE DAY, I GOT A $300 *CHRISTMAS BONUS!*

WHAT I'M GONNA *SPEND IT ON?!!* THAT'S EASY, TOOTS! I JUST GOT A CATALOGUE FROM *OLD BOB'S FISHIN' SHOP*, AND THEY'RE GETTING *EVERY DIME!*

LISTEN TO *THIS* "OLD BOB'S 3000 FISHING ROD," "OLD BOB'S COLLECTOR'S EDITION FLIES"...

DONALD! SHOULDN'T YOU SPEND SOME OF IT ON CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR *THE BOYS?!*

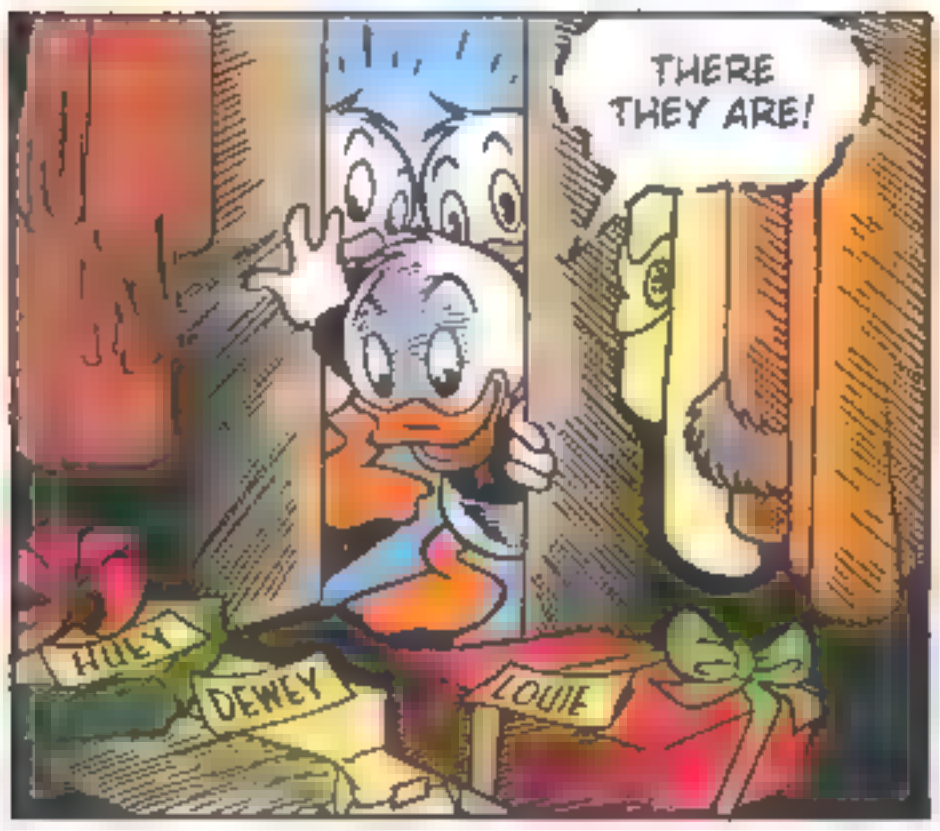
PHOOEY!

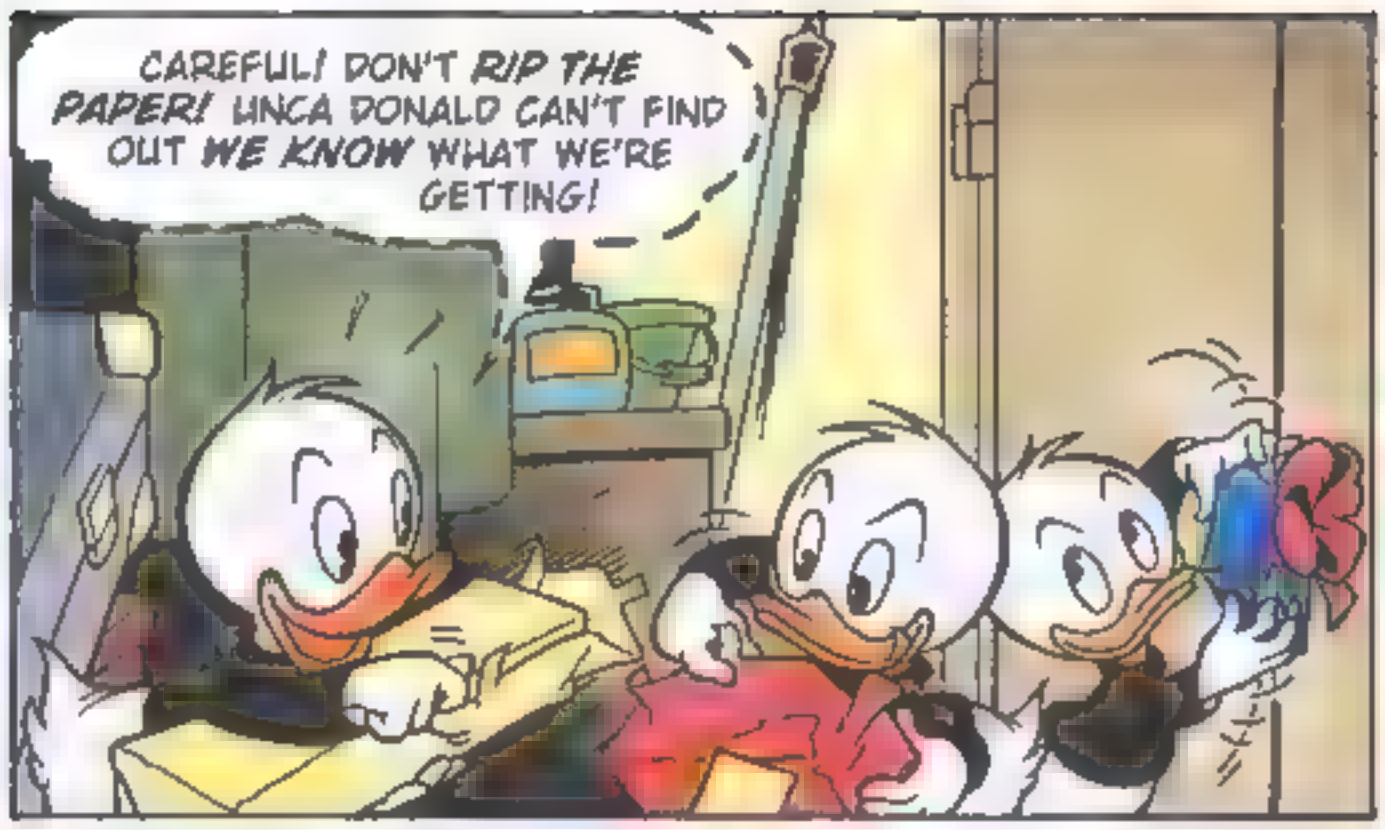
I EARNED THAT BONUS! BESIDES, I'VE *ALREADY BOUGHT PRESENTS* FOR THOSE MICROBES! THEY'RE IN THE CLOSET UNDER THE STAIRS!

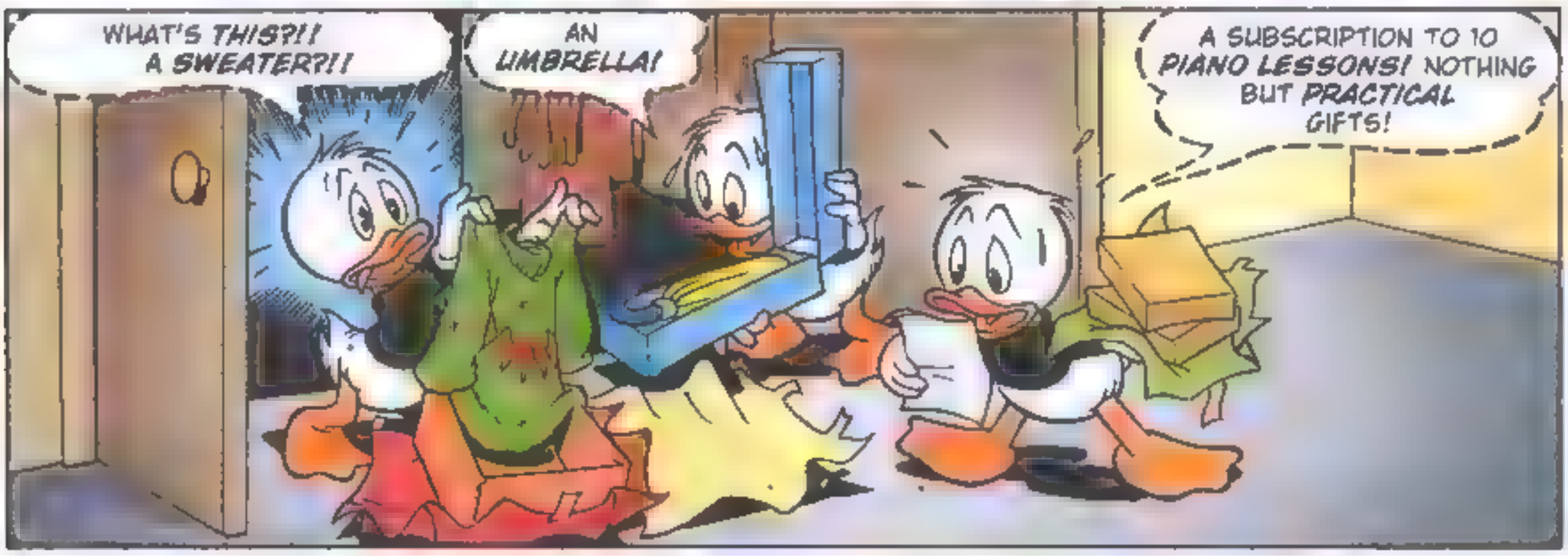
WONDER WHAT UNCA DONALD *GOT US!*

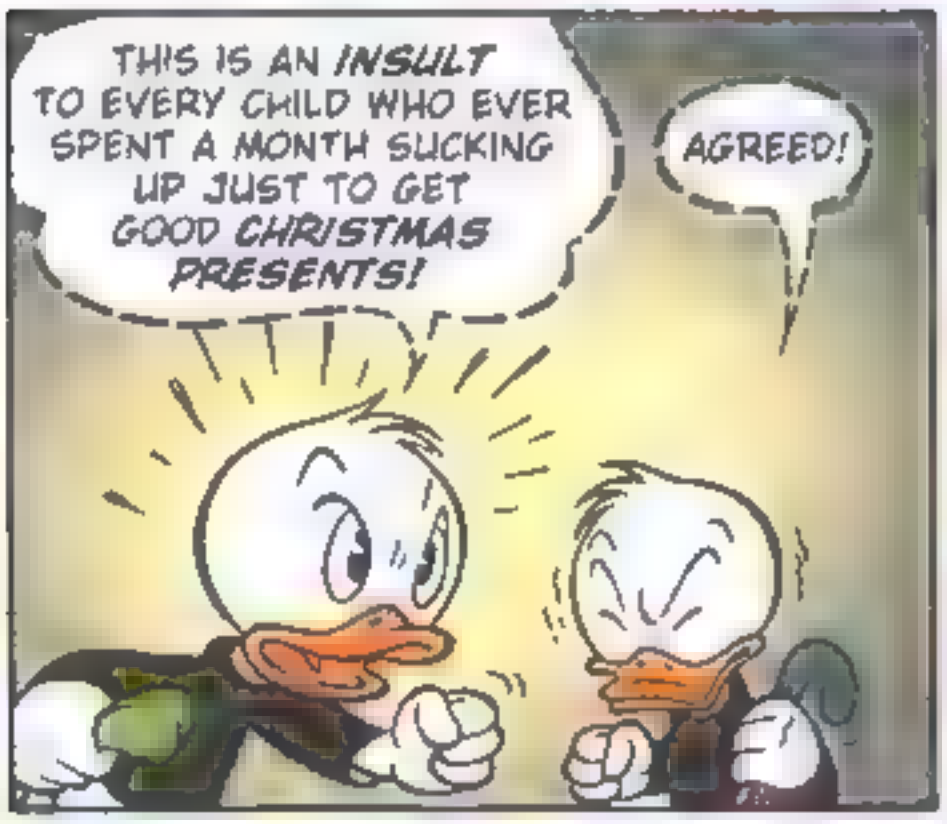
A TRAIN SET, MAYBE?! OR *CELL PHONES?!*

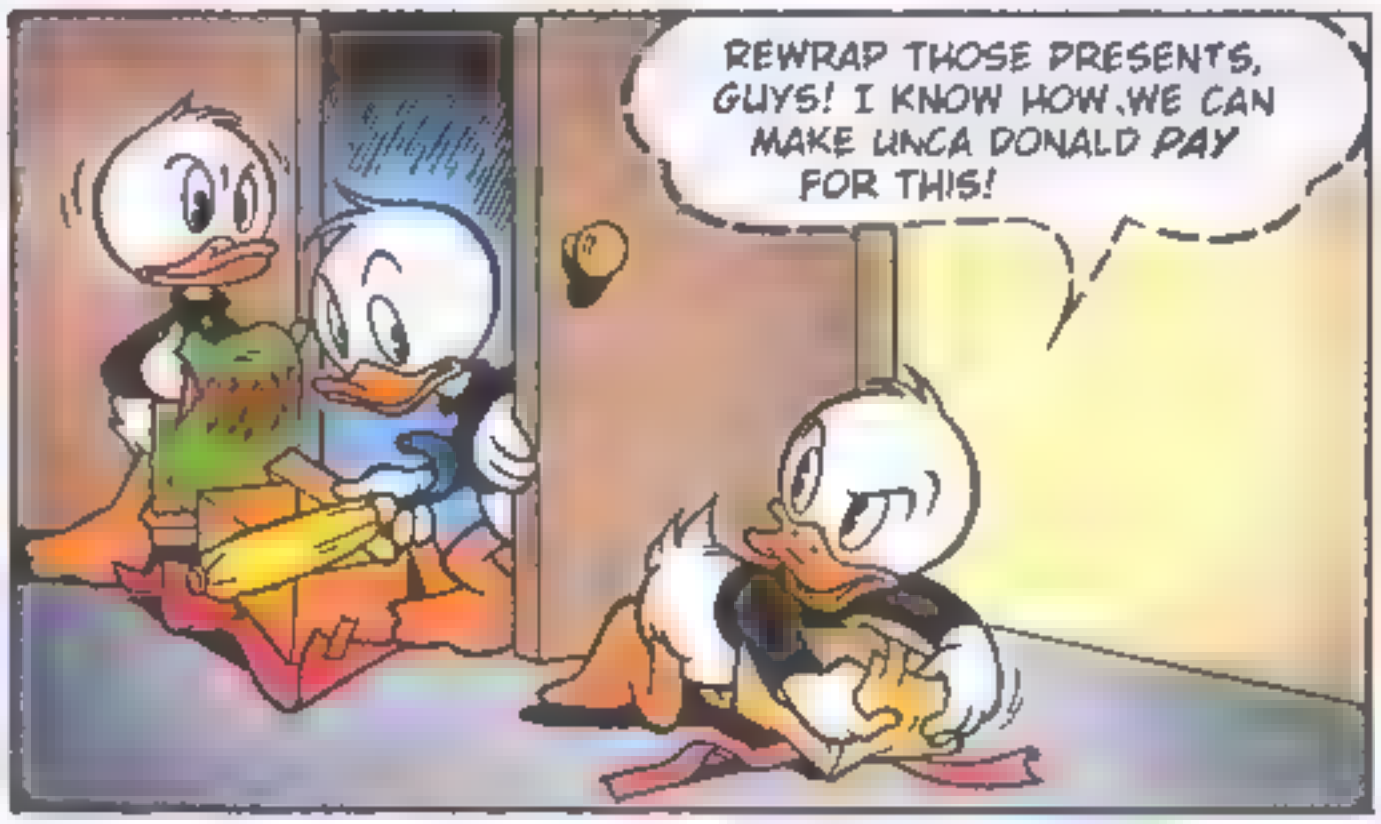
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!


THERE THEY ARE!
HUEY
DEWEY
LOUIE

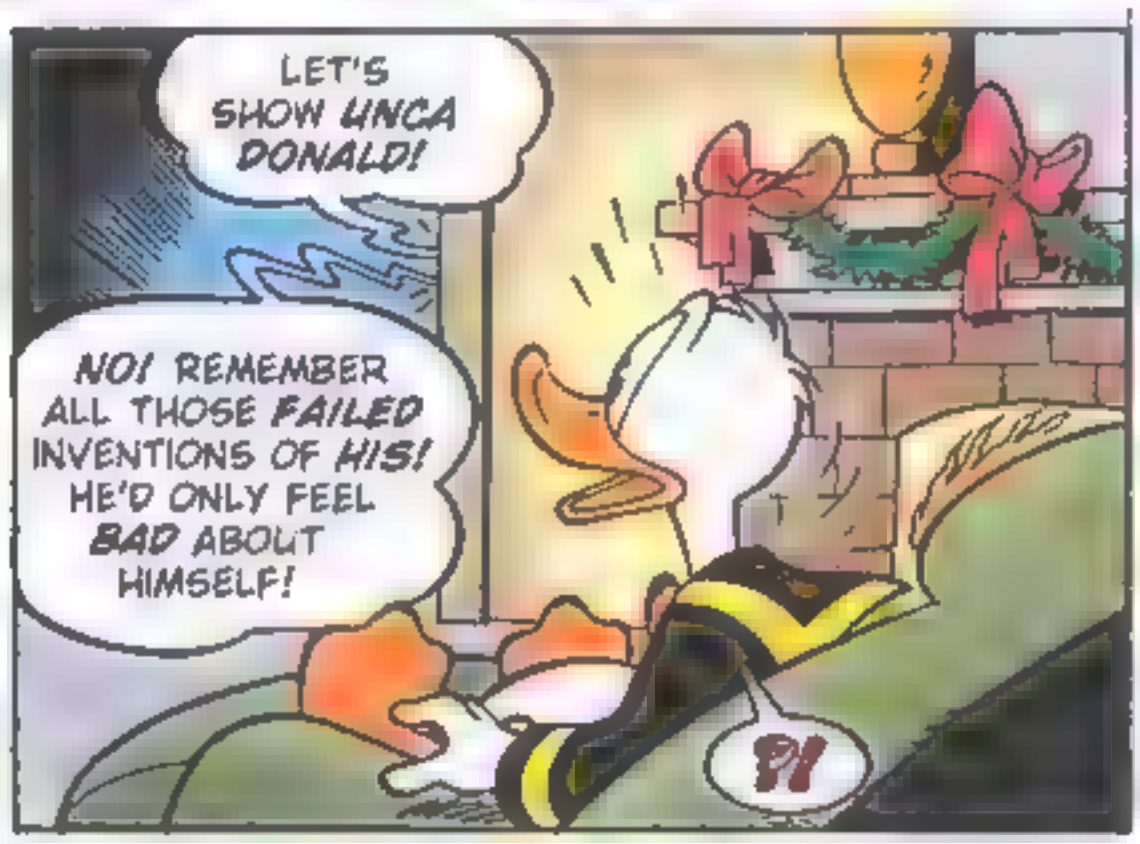

CAREFUL! DON'T RIP THE PAPER! UNCA DONALD CAN'T FIND OUT WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE GETTING!


WHAT'S THIS?!! A SWEATER?!!
AN UMBRELLA!
A SUBSCRIPTION TO 10 PIANO LESSONS! NOTHING BUT PRACTICAL GIFTS!


THIS IS AN INSULT TO EVERY CHILD WHO EVER SPENT A MONTH SUCKING UP JUST TO GET GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!
AGREED!


REWRAP THOSE PRESENTS, GUYS! I KNOW HOW.WE CAN MAKE UNCA DONALD PAY FOR THIS!

SEE YOU CHRISTMAS EVE, DAISY!
WOW! THIS MUST BE THE BEST INVENTION EVER MADE! AND WE BUILT IT!


LET'S SHOW UNCA DONALD!
NO! REMEMBER ALL THOSE FAILED INVENTIONS OF HIS! HE'D ONLY FEEL BAD ABOUT HIMSELF!
?!

POOR UNCA DONALD! IF ONLY HE WERE *SMARTER...*

YEAH, WE'D BETTER HIDE THIS *GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR* WHERE HE CAN'T FIND IT!

"GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR"?! WHAT KIND OF MAKE-BELIEVE GADGET IS *THAT?!!*

IT'S *NOT MAKE-BELIEVE!* IT CAN FIND ANY GIFT-WRAPPED PRESENTS HIDDEN WITHIN 100 METERS!

I'LL BET YOU *TEN DOLLARS* THAT PIECE OF JUNK COULDN'T FIND A PRESENT IN *SANTA'S WORKSHOP!*

DONE!

THE GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR IS LEADING ME *AWAY* FROM THE LIVING ROOM!

YEAH, *SO WHAT?!*

OPEN THAT CLOSET, HUEY! IT LOOKS LIKE OUR *PRESENTS* ARE IN *THERE!*

WELL, I'LL BE-! THAT THING *WORKED!*

LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT TO *BUY!*

THOSE BOYS MUST BE *GENIUSES!*

HUH?! IT'S *HOLLOW!* AND THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY *COMPASS!*

HAHAHAHA! *POOR* UNCA DONALD!

HE ACTUALLY *BELIEVED* OUR GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR *WORKED!*

HE SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO BUY US *SWEATERS AND UMBRELLAS* FOR CHRISTMAS!

THOSE CLEVER LITTLE BRATS *TRICKED* ME!

BUT I HAVE A TRICK UP *MY SLEEVE*, AS WELL! AND HIS NAME IS *GYRO GEARLOOSE!*

YOU WANT ME TO MODIFY *THIS* INTO A *GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR?!* NOW THERE'S AN INTERESTING *TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGE!*

OK, GUYS! WE'VE GOT A TOTAL OF *$11.37!* DO WE BUY *PART OF* A TRAIN SET OR *HALF A CELL PHONE* ON SALE?!

OH *BOYS...*

I WANT A *REMATCH!* THIS TIME, *I* USE THE DETECTOR, AND WE BET *YOUR* $11 37 AGAINST *MY* $300 CHRISTMAS BONUS?!

GEE... WE DON'T KNOW...

WE CAN'T *CHEAT* UNCA DONALD OUT OF *ALL HIS MONEY!*

YOU AGREE TO THE BET, OR YOU'LL BE DOING THE DISHES ALL NEXT YEAR!

OK! OK!

GOOD! ON TO OUR *FRIENDLY LITTLE BET!* YOU'VE EACH BOUGHT A PRESENT FOR *ME!* AND THEY'RE ALL GIFT-WRAPPED! *RIGHT?!*

RIGHT!

GREAT! IF I CAN'T FIND ALL THREE GIFTS IN *TEN MINUTES*, I'LL CONCEDE DEFEAT! HOW'S *THAT* FOR FAIR?!

AHA! THERE'S SOMETHING HIDDEN IN THE *LIVING ROOM!*

SEEMS TO BE BY THE *FIREPLACE!*

CLEVER HIDING SPOT! BUT, DID YOU BOYS *REALLY THINK* I WOULDN'T FIND IT?! AFTER ALL, IT'S *YOUR* INGENIOUS *INVENTION!*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?! IT'S DETECTED *ANOTHER PRESENT!* LOOKS LIKE IT'S *OUTSIDE!* BETTER BUNDLE UP!

UH-OH...

HMM! LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER *HERE!*

THIS IS NO *COINCIDENCE!* LINCA DONALD SOMEHOW MADE THE DETECTOR *WORK!*

AND HE'S ABOUT TO FIND THE *SECOND PRESENT!* WE'VE GOTTA STOP HIM FROM FINDING THAT *THIRD ONE...*

AFTER SOME QUICK THINKING–

...YOU BOTH KNOW WHAT TO *DO!* GET GOING!

SO WHILE DEWEY FETCHES HELP...

TEN-STAR JUNIOR WOODCHUCK GENERAL DEWEY DUCK REQUESTS USE OF THE *OFFICIAL HOUND!*

...AND LOUIE RETRIEVES THE THIRD PRESENT...

GOT IT!

CHIRP!

...HUEY KEEPS AN EYE ON DONALD–

=GULP!= LINCA DONALD *FOUND* THE SECOND PRESENT!

POC! POC!

PLUMP!

TWO PRESENTS IN MERE MINUTES! JUST *ONE MORE* TO GO! I'M GONNA HATE TO TAKE YOUR MONEY! IT'S JUST *TOO EASY!*

HUH?!! MY GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR HAS DETECTED THE LAST PRESENT! AND IT'S *MOVING!*

AHA! THAT'S THE OFFICIAL WOODCHUCK HOUND! AND HE'S CARRYING A [illegible]NT!

COME ON, GUYS! IF WE'RE GONNA SAVE CHRISTMAS AND OUR 611.37, WE GOT A *LOT OF WORK* TO DO BEFORE UNCA DONALD *RETURNS!*

THINK YOU CAN HIDE, EH?! WELL, YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR *DONALD DUCK* AND HIS DETECTOR!

HUH? THE TUNNEL SEEMS TO *END HERE!* AND WITH NO SIGN OF SNOZZIE!

MAYBE IF I STICK MY *HEAD UP*, I CAN...

A *GROWN-UP!*

WHACK

-OOF!-

GET HIM, GUYS! THIS GROWN UP WAS *SPYING* ON *OUR* PLAYGROUND!

OW! OUCH! OW!

ONE NARROW ESCAPE LATER–

OOH, THAT *HURT*, BUT AT LEAST MY GIFT-WRAP DETECTOR SURVIVED! AND IT'S DETECTING SOMETHING INSIDE THAT *SNOWMAN!*

HUH?!! *SKIS?!!*

To Udo

I'M GETTING *SKIS FOR CHRISTMAS!* I'M GETTING SKIS FOR CHRISTMAS!

TAP TAP

THANKS FOR SPOILING HER SURPRISE, *MORON!*

PUNCH

BUT DONALD PERSEVERES THROUGH THE PAIN–

OH, MY ACHING BEAK... AH! SNOZZIE MUST BE HID NG ON THAT CONSTRUCTION SITE!

FOUND YOU! THERE'S NO ESCAPING NOW...

...YOU SNOOTY FOUR-LEGGED FIEND!

KICK

=OOF! OUCH! OW! UNGH!=

CRASH

BE STILL, MY STOMACH!

GOOD WORK, GENERAL SNOZZIE! YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!

THERE'S STILL MORE THAN ONE MINUTE LEFT! HURRY! GET THAT INSIDE WITH THE DECOYS!

WE'VE GOT TO BE READY WHEN UNCA DONALD GETS HERE!

MY DETECTOR SAYS THEY'VE TAKEN THE PRESENT INSIDE THE HOUSE! BIG MISTAKE, BOYS!

PIPPU!

ONE MINUTE, UNCA DONALD!

AND WHILE THE GIFT SNOZZIE CARRIED *LOOKED SMALL*, REMEMBER THAT WE *MIGHT* HAVE HIDDEN IT *INSIDE* SOMETHING *BIGGER!*

GULP! N-NO SWEAT! I'LL JUST UNWRAP *EVERY-THING...*

...AND FIND THE ONE THING NONE OF US *ALREADY OWNS!*

IN FIFTY-FIVE *SECONDS*, UNCA DONALD?!

MY OLD *FLASHLIGHT*...THAT'S NOT IT! THE BOYS' BASEBALL BAT...*THAT'S* NOT IT EITHER!

FORTY-SIX SECONDS!

TV, DECK OF CARDS, CLOCK, *RADIATOR...*

BETTER HURRY! ONLY THIRTY-THREE SECONDS *LEFT!*

SNOW CONE FROM OUR TRIP TO PORTO GORDO, CHAIR, LIQUID CHEESE, BUNK BED, HOUSE KEY...

BONK

SLAM

PHOTO OF GRANDMA, PHONEBOOK, MEDIEVAL ARMOR, THE *CAT*...

TWELVE SECONDS LEFT!

SCISSORS, A BOOK, A *PENCIL HOLDER!* YES! THESE ARE THE ONLY GIFT-WRAPPED THINGS *LEFT!*

EIGHT... SEVEN... SIX...

PENCIL, ANOTHER PENCIL, A THIRD PENCIL, A *FOURTH* PENCIL...

UH-OH! HE'S ALMOST *FOUND IT!*

SPLAT

TIME'S UP!

AND SO-

WHO WOULDA THUNK?! *$311.37!* WE'VE GOT ENOUGH FOR A TRAIN SET *AND* CELL PHONES!

AND DON'T WORRY, UNCA DONALD! WE'LL BUY *YOU* SOMETHING SPECIAL FROM *OLD BOB'S FISHIN' SHOP!*

THANKS, BOYS! NEXT YEAR I'LL BUY YOU *BETTER GIFTS!*

~SIGH!~ IT'LL SAVE ME A LOT OF TROUBLE...AND A BUNDLE OF *DOUGH!*

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As it appears David Gerstein has taken over the introductions for *Donald Duck and Friends,* am I to assume that he has also taken over editorial responsibility? If not, Mr. Clark, simply replace your name with his in the salutation.

Carl Barks' "Ten Cents Worth of Trouble" (*Donald Duck and Friends* 343) was a hilarious story, one which I don't recall having read before. A plot with twists and turns I never saw coming, especially the ending, in which the nephews pay off the doctor with a bunch of loose change, including Donald's $500 dime. Oh, have the times changed. A doctor making housecalls, charging only three dollars, and getting paid immediately without even having to file with Donald's health insurance company. Anyway, a good story.

Pat and Carol McGreal's "The Duke of Dipp" is what I like about those two. A clever story, full of psychological expressions, which Gerstein discusses in his introduction, and the wittiest dialogue I've seen from them yet. Good stuff this month, and a great cover from William Van Horn too.

—Robert Hutchings
via email

You're really Gerstein, aren't you? Come on, admit it!

"This sampler was started by my grandma's grandma's grandma! Every birth in the Duck family is accounted for… including Donald's!"—Grandma Duck, about to disprove Donald's "duke-ishness" with some well-woven wisdom, from "The Duke of Dipp" in *Donald Duck and Friends* 343.

Wow! Who needs a Junior Woodchuck Guidebook when you have this wall-hanging wonder at your disposal? We never seem to get a peek into the nephews' fabled fountain of knowledge, as the 'Chucks work hard to keep it shielded from outside eyes. Grandma, however, was kind enough to expose her edifying embroidery to the public, though the information it contains is agonizingly small in size. Too small, alas, to see with the naked eye. Ah, but no problem. I'll just take my copy of the magazine and activate the Great "G.Y.R.O. Scope" (That's the "Grandiose Yielder of Revelations of the Optical-sort" Microscope—an odd name considering it was invented by Doc Static!), and take a closer look. Yesss. They're all here! Fergus, Downy, and "Poor Auld Uncle Jake"; Scrooge, Matilda, Wee Hortense, and even Uncle Rumpus and Ludwig Von Drake.

I'm moving on to Donald and (at last) his sister Della (Huey, Dewey and Louie's mother). Now, to solve the mystery of the ages… closer, closer… and… ARRRGH! A printing imperfection left an infinitesimal inkblot over the identity of Della's husband and HD&L's poppa. *Drat!* This unsolved Disney mystery will just have to remain in that vast category of "Things Man Was Not Meant To Know," as Grandma and her crocheted family chronology may not be telling any time soon.

—Joe Torcivia
via email

Doggone it Joe! You had us going there.

Upon reflection, it is interesting that we know so much about Scrooge's past but virtually nothing about Huey, Dewey and Louie's, huh? They truly are Ducks of Mystery to rival even Darkwing.

Perhaps there's some yet-to-be-discovered Don Rosa out there who can make up enough facts—er, that is research genealogical records—to come up with a definitive "Life and Times of Huey, Dewey and Louie"? Amidst the mystery there's probably some connection to Goofy's forever-faceless wife, don't you think?

Now, we have room for a tiny plug for our trade paperback, Walt Disney Treasures—Disney Comics: 75 Years of Innovation *(still on sale). If you'd like to read more about it, check out the letters page for this month's* Mickey Mouse and Friends *(number 295).*

As a wee tyke, reading my brothers' comics, I thought to myself that it would be real nice to have stories about "Millicent" Mouse in the "big city." Then I saw the reference to her in *Treasures'* final Mouse tale—I'm so happy that someone else out there remembers her and I still hope there are "Millicent" stories available (or imaginable) somewhere.

Treasures was a real treat. I hope these can become a continuing series. The international collection of Disney comics is especially appreciated.

—Lowell K. Handy
via email

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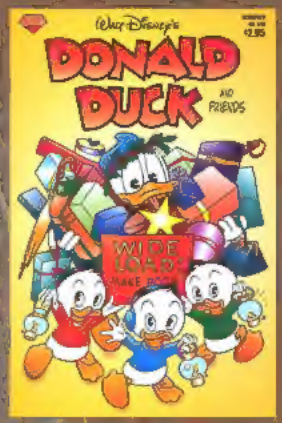

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